

**FFWPU USA: New Quick Connect - Holy Mother Han files for bail**

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Quick Connect: True Mother Files for Bail

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"Hak Ja Han and Reverend Sun Myung Moon will love Korea even more if Reverend Han, the True Parent of Peace, is released."



"Music opens the heart and plants peace within it," said 81-year-old gospel master Reverend Thomas Barrett, reflecting on his visit to Korea. He emphasized, "Peace begins within the individual," and "When the soul is at peace, we can understand one another." Music, faith, and peace. These three words, which permeate his 60-year ministry, deepen the meaning of his visit to Korea.

Pastor Barrett, senior pastor of the Church of God in Christ Life Center (COGIC) in Chicago, USA, visited Korea to attend the "Interfaith Clergy Peace Rally for Religious Freedom" held in Seoul. He also plans to visit President Hak Ja Han, currently imprisoned in the Seoul Detention Center, along with the event.

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the responsibility of believers for world peace, he said, "True faith is a faith that anticipates victory, and those who possess that faith choose peace in any situation." He also expressed respect for Reverend Sun Myung Moon and Reverend Hak Ja Han Moon as the "True Parents of Peace," recalling that Reverend Hak Ja Han Moon's first American church address in 1982 was held at his church.



Regarding President Han's arrest, he praised President Han's enduring commitment to love and peace, saying, "Those sent by God do not respond with hatred even when treated unfairly." He added, "While I disagree with the Korean government's decision to arrest President Han, I will love Korea, and if he is released, I will love the Korean government even more."

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The reason why clergy around the world support President Hak Ja Han is because President Hak Ja Han himself has dedicated himself to world peace beyond religion.

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November 13, 2025, 3:18 AM

The Unification Church, which promotes the idea of transracial, transreligious ideology, speaks of the realization that world peace can be achieved by becoming God's people under God. This is the great thought of Reverend Sun Myung Moon and Reverend Hak Ja Han Moon.

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November 13, 2025, 2:53 AM

Religious harmony begins with the belief that humanity is one family under Heavenly Parent.

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Religious leaders must unite and work toward a peaceful world. It's remarkable that religious leaders are gathering to discuss and pray even amidst Korea's turbulent political climate. It makes me wonder why world leaders are coming to Korea.

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Is there any group that transcends religion and denomination and promotes love as much as the Unification Church? Even the state can't do that.

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She explained how she joined the church in 1991, after a young member visited her home and offered prayers for her sick son. In the months that followed, she donated large sums, totaling around 100 million yen over the years. She admitted she believed such donations might help her son, but she also clarified that the church never explicitly told her this. Her testimony was deeply human: a widow, devastated by her husband's suicide, desperate to save her child, and clinging to faith as a source of meaning.



Yet the Japanese media reported her testimony with a poisonous slant. Kansai TV highlighted family emails, including her plea for funds to travel to Korea—"If I don't go, I'll die"—as if proof of fanaticism rather than the cry of a depressed woman under immense pressure. "Yomiuri Shimbun" described her donations as evidence of "religious background," deliberately framing the tragedy as the fault of the FFWPU rather than the complex family circumstances: a father's suicide, a son's illness, and decades of hardship. Other media sang the same song.

The press ignored crucial facts. Yamagami's mother received a 50% refund from the church. Her accused son's brother died by suicide six years after that refund agreement. Abe's assassination occurred two decades after her bankruptcy.

None of this fits the simplistic narrative of a "reaction to church exploitation." Instead, the media prefer to erase timelines and causality, presenting every family misfortune as the direct consequence of religious affiliation.

The defense lawyers, too, sought to exploit her testimony, pressing her to admit that donations deprived her son of education. She answered honestly: at the time she believed donations may be more important than schooling. But this was not coercion by the church—it was her own anguished judgment, shaped by grief and desperation. To portray this as institutional abuse is to deny her agency and humanity.

As I argued in [an earlier article](#) for "Bitter Winter," the detail all media forgot is that after the local believers' group of the Unification Church had agreed to refund half of her donations, in 2009 all the family including Tetsuya signed a settlement and stated they were happy with it.

The real violence against this woman came not from her church but from the manipulations of lawyers and the relentless attacks of the media. They weaponized her testimony, stripping it of nuance, and turned a mother's sorrow into anti-cult propaganda.

Yamagami's mother remains resilient in her faith. She testified with dignity, acknowledging her sadness for her son's crime while affirming her spiritual convictions. This is the portrait of a believer who has endured tragedy yet refuses to renounce her conscience.

The Japanese media, however, continue to distort her situation, using the trial as a platform to vilify the FFWPU. In doing so, they commit a violence of their own—against truth, against religious liberty, and against a grieving mother whose testimony deserves respect, not exploitation.

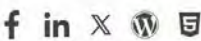
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