

FFWPU Europe and the Middle East: Male-Centered Religion and God as Mother

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At the "Pastors' General Assembly for the Victory of Vision 2027 of the Heavenly Korea Family Federation", held from 1st to 3rd July at the Cheongshim International Youth Training Center in Gapyeong, Gyeonggi Province, participants pose for a commemorative photo centered around [Hak Ja Han](#), President of the [Family Federation for World Peace and Unification](#)



Holy Mother Han emphasizes that male-centered religions that have only served the Heavenly Father must now also attend the Heavenly Mother

The South Korean paper Segye Ilbo (세계일보) [reported on 3rd July](#) about a conference addressed by the co-founder of the [Family Federation for World Peace and Unification](#), [Hak Ja Han](#) - [Holy Mother Han](#). From 1st to 3rd July, the [religious organization](#) hosted the "Pastors' General Assembly for the Victory of Vision 2027 of the Heavenly Korea Family Federation" at the Cheongshim International Youth Training Center in Gapyeong, Gyeonggi Province. The event brought together more than 800 pastors from across South Korea.

[Holy Mother Han](#) pointed out in her short speech,

*"The mission of the [True Parents](#) is to realize the dream of the Heavenly Parent [See editor's note below] on earth. This means creating an environment where the Heavenly Parent can live a heavenly life on earth together with [True Parents](#) and humanity.*



[Holy Mother Han](#), here on May 9, 2025 in Gapyeong, South Korea

*Just as individual drops of water form streams and rivers and eventually flow into the ocean to sustain more life, I hope that the environment of [Cheon Il Guk](#) [Kingdom of Heaven] - where the Heavenly Parent is attended - will continue to grow wider and larger. [...]*

*When we come to understand that the origin of life begins with the mother, male-centered religions (남성 위주의 종교) that have only served the Heavenly Father must now also attend the Heavenly Mother and strive to protect the future of humanity and the global environment."*

According to the Korean paper, a central purpose of the gathering was to present and share the [Family Federation's](#) eight key policies aimed at strengthening the foundation already laid as the [movement](#) focuses on its Vision 2027 goals. These policies include:

- Strengthening the core by recovering the essence of faith
- Establishing regional hubs to expand positive influence

- Promoting a value system and culture rooted in the Heavenly Parent
- Creating a future talent development framework based on these principles
- Enhancing pastoral leadership and capabilities
- Developing strong social alliances and cooperation

Throughout the assembly, attendees explored methods to revitalize local churches and reaffirmed their dedication to the [Federation](#)'s original mission and activities based on spirit and truth like in the early days of the movement.

The event, led by Executive Vice President Yeong-seok Kim (김영석), featured prayers and blessings from key figures including Yoon-ho Ok (옥윤호 - Regional Director of North Seoul), Cheong-woo Lee (이청우 - Director of the Central Administration Office of Cheonmu-won), and Guk Hwangbo (황보국 - President of the [Family Federation](#) of Korea).

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|          |         | Director Lee encouraged attendees to engage in mission work with renewed enthusiasm. President Hwangbo formally introduced the Vision 2027 policy, reinforcing the assembly's forward-looking focus.                                   |
| <i>Cheong-woo Lee (이청우 - Director of the Central Administration Office of Cheonmu-won)</i> | <i>Rev. Guk Hwangbo (황보국), President of the <a href="#">Family Federation</a> of Korea</i> | In addition to policy discussions, participants made a pilgrimage to the <a href="#">Cheonwon Temple and Cheonil Sanctum</a> and attended a special lecture exploring the evolving role of religion in a so-called post-religious era. |
|                                                                                            |                                                                                            | According to the Segye Ilbo (세계일보), the <a href="#">Family</a>                                                                                                                                                                         |

[Federation](#) continues to carry out global initiatives in over 200 countries. Inspired by the teachings of its founders, [Sun Myung Moon](#) and [Hak Ja Han](#), the [Federation](#) strives to build a world united as "One Human Family Under the Heavenly Parent". [See editor's note below]

**[Editor's note:** The expression "Heavenly Parent" will be well known to most who have familiarized themselves to some extent with the teachings of the [Family Federation for World Peace and Unification](#). [Father Moon](#) used the expression on many occasions. In particular, [Holy Mother Han](#) has used this expression frequently in recent years to emphasize that [God](#) is both our Heavenly Father and our Heavenly Mother.

In 2013, she therefore changed the name of one of the [Family Federation](#)'s most important holy days from [God's Day](#) to Heavenly Parent's Day.]

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# Relationships

## Relationships – mastering giving and receiving

Let us look at the very basics – the giving and receiving in relationships. Fundamentally, that is what relationships are all about – that you give, and that you receive. But in order for a relationship to work well, and become dynamic, both parties ought to master both giving and receiving. If both parties mainly are concerned about receiving, the relationship will not last long. The best recipe for success and making a relationship last, is to learn to give unconditionally. Two mature persons with such an attitude, usually get on well together.

Therefore, before you marry, you are meant to develop your ability to give. You develop your heart through a growing period, by experiencing different phases of love. That way, you and your ability to express love become mature. Becoming a more mature and giving person is a gradual process that requires time and effort.



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From the viewpoint of giving and receiving, the first phase of such a development begins already at the infant stage. Then life is all about receiving love from mum and dad. The little one is completely dependent on his or her parents.

Children come from the love relationship between father and mother. That's why the child's heart is extremely sensitive to the relationship between mum and dad. The little one feels so happy when the parents express their love to each other. The child stage is incredibly important. If the child feels that it is loved by the parents, there are good chances that the child, when it grows up, may himself get a solid marriage and become a good father or mother. Parental love is the children's decisive foundation in life and represents the motivation for them to develop their own mind and heart. When the child feels mother's and father's love, the child's heart develops.

The next stage in the development of heart, is siblings' love. The child starts learning to give. It shares with others, exchanges things and discovers that by giving, something comes in return. That way, you get friends and develop the ability to express siblings' love or love of one's neighbour.

In the first phase of life, as a little child, you experience vertical love from your parents. Parents and children are on completely different levels of development. Therefore, we use the expression "vertical love".

Siblings' love, on the other hand, is a horizontal love between parties at roughly the same level of development.



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At this stage, you begin to discover a new world of love, that between man and woman. This is also a horizontal love relationship, between two at a similar stage of development. Impulsively, they want to find such love and develop a burning desire to find a partner. A deep relationship between man and woman is however the most intimate and important of our horizontal relationships. In order for you to succeed in this central relationship, it is important that you have a mature attitude. The best preparation is to learn to stand on your own feet and at the same time master the art of giving and investing yourself. The best is to be able to give unconditionally. Then it becomes possible to create a beautiful world of love together.

Parental love is the deepest form of vertical love. Through your love for your children, you even begin to fathom what is the spiritual axis of the universe – the parent-child





relationship between [God](#) and human beings – and [God's](#) intense parental love for his/her children. Thus, we see how in our inner development toward spiritual maturity, we are meant to go through the four distinct stages of children's love, siblings' love, marital love and parental love.

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**You need spiritual insight**

When it comes to relationships, it is very important that we learn to see each other as eternal beings. Your eternal part, your spirit, is meant to grow through the various relationships in life.

One big problem in today's materialistic, secular culture, is the absence of precious spiritual insight vital for our relationships. The most precious part of a person is the internal side, the spirit or soul. Nowadays, many build their identity and self-image on the physical body. There is social pressure to have a perfect body, a pressure exploited eagerly by commercial interests.

Without the concept of soul and spirit, we cannot discover and understand the inner essence of a person. We only see the outer shell, the physical body. With such a limited view of life, we will have big problems building lasting relationships.

When your identity is based on your body, its needs easily become what life revolves around. Such a lifestyle makes you selfish and unable to, even disinterested in, creating lasting relationships. A relationship that lasts requires noble qualities of a different dimension than the body's needs – self-sacrifice, altruism, unselfishness. Those are spiritual qualities. You need a spiritual outlook on life in order to create a lasting relationship. And so does the person you would like to share your life view.

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