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From the large international [Marriage Blessing](#) ceremony for 2,100 couples in Gapyeong, South Korea on May 2, 2026

Mass wedding tradition continues as global blessing ceremony adapts to absence of True Mother in large ceremony in South Korea



The large international [Marriage Blessing](#) ceremony for 2,100 couples in Gapyeong, South Korea on 2nd May 2, 2026

The first [large international wedding](#) ceremony where [Hak Ja Han](#) ((한학자 - 83), also known as "[Holy Mother Han](#)" and "[True Mother](#)", could not officiate in person was held on 2nd May 2026. According to the organizers - the [Family Federation for World Peace and Unification](#) - 2,100 couples took part. The spectacular event was organized in Cheongshim Peace World Center, a large indoor arena, in [Gapyeong](#), northeast of the South Korean capital Seoul.

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The event took place on [Hak Ja Han](#)'s own 66th [wedding](#) anniversary - according to the Oriental lunar calendar (eumnyeok / 음력), which is still used for anniversaries and milestone birthdays. And adding to the significance of the day, the grand ceremony also commemorated the first anniversary of the [entrance into the Cheonwon Temple](#), which serves as the central temple of [Unificationism](#) and represents the "culmination of 6,000 years of [providential](#) history".



13 representative couples on stage in front of large portrait of the [True Parents](#). From the large international [Marriage Blessing](#) ceremony for 2,100 couples in Gyeongju, South Korea on May 2, 2026

Even though the [True Parents](#) were not physically present at the [marriage blessing](#) ceremony on 2nd May, the event still officially had them in the officiating role. At all such large events since 2013, except one, [Mother Han](#) has read out the so-called Blessing Vows, to which the couples shout a resounding "Yes!" This time, a voice recording of her reciting the vows, was played. The same for the "[Blessing Proclamation](#)" and the "Benediction Prayer" for all the couples.

The only part where someone stood in for the [True Parents](#), was the "Holy Water ceremony", where Reverend Lee Gi-seong (이기성) and his wife Jang Yun-jeong (장윤정) sprinkled water on the 13 representative couples up on the stage, while attendants sprinkled it on all the other couples in the large arena. Lee and Jang had also served as officiating couple on behalf of the [True Parents](#) at a smaller [marriage blessing](#) ceremony at the height of the Corona epidemic in October 2020, when strict regulations for the size of gatherings applied in South Korea.

This sprinkling of holy water symbolized the cleansing of past mistakes and the restoration of participants to the "[original ideal of creation](#)" upon the victorious foundation established by the [True Parents](#).

The [Blessing](#) Vows signify affirming a historic vow to become an "eternal couple", inherit the tradition established by the [True Parents](#), and strive to perfect the "family ideal" regarded as the basic social unit in a [Kingdom of Heaven](#) of [true love](#) here on the Earth and in the eternal world.

Couples exchanged "sacred symbols" - rings - representing their "eternal love" and an "unchanging bond" centered on the "Heavenly Parent". The groom placed the ring on the bride's right hand, followed by the bride placing it on the groom's right hand.

Through the recorded voice of [Mother Han](#) reading the "[Blessing](#) Proclamation", the marital unions were declared as established "before Heaven and Earth" based on the grace of our Heavenly Parent and the [True Parents](#). This proclamation officially [blessed](#) the "virtuous men and women" participating in the 2026 ceremony.

To close the ceremony, a representative couple - the son of Moon Heung-jin (문흥진) and Moon Hoon-sook (문훈숙), together with his wife - offered flowers to the officiators. Another couple offered a symbolic gift to the officiators as an expression of gratitude.



The exchange of rings. From the large international [Marriage Blessing](#) ceremony for 2,100 couples in Gapyeong, South Korea on May 2, 2026

At the end, there were celebratory performances, featuring songs and a "cute dance" by the newly [blessed](#) couples, offering gratitude and marking a joyful end to the day.

The reason [Mother Han](#) could not attend the large [Marriage Blessing](#) ceremony is that she is currently receiving urgent [medical treatment](#) in a South Korean hospital. It looks like she will remain there until 30th May, when she is due to return to Seoul Detention Center where she has been held in a [tiny cell](#) since 22nd September 2025 while special prosecutors appointed by the current left-leaning Lee Jae-myung (이재명) administration investigate whether [Mother Han](#) has been involved in alleged unlawful donations to leading political figures. Critics view the investigation as a crackdown and revenge on religious organizations perceived to have supported the former conservative Yoon Suk-yeol (윤석열) administration. He has already been given a life sentence.

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In special tribute to Mother Han, South African spiritual leader describes how he was directly guided to her

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One of the South African centers of the Revelation Spiritual Home (TRSH). Photo from X

A message delivered at a prayer vigil in [Gapyeong](#), South Korea 1st May 2026 by Imboni Prophet Samuel Radebe, the founder of The Revelation Spiritual Home (TRSH), a faith organization with more than 4 million members across southern Africa. Slightly edited version.

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That was a very short tribute [a tributal video shown before the speech] that I prepared in these trying times to remind her [[Mother Han](#)] and remind the world and remind you of the seeds that she has planted across the world.

We are in an era of awakening, and the rest of the world is still sleeping. That is why there is no alignment between the physical world, and the spiritual world.

The era of ignorance is over. It died with the era of Pisces. Now we are in the era of awakening, era of spirituality, era of knowledge.

And those who do not seek spirituality, those who do not seek true knowledge, they are going to be left behind. Only those who are spiritually awake will be able to follow those who are spiritually called.

Those who are sleeping will persecute those who are spiritually awake. They will imprison them; they will kill them. Because they are asleep. They do not see what those who are awakened can see. Those who are spiritually awake will be called “cults”, “demon-possessed”, “Satanic leaders”, and “followers of Satan” by those who are asleep because those who are asleep cannot see what those who are awakened can see.



[Mother Han](#) and Samuel Radebe at a large Family Festival, which included a [marriage blessing](#) ceremony, at Orlando Stadium in Johannesburg, South Africa 9th June 2019. Screenshot from live transmission by PeaceTV.

Holy [Mother Han](#) went to Africa and she had a goal. She was in search for those who are spiritually awake. She was

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was in search for those who are spiritually awake. She was not looking for any “Tom, Dick, and Harry”. She was looking for those who are spiritually awake. And indeed she found them. And here we are today.

Because those who are spiritually awake can identify others who are spiritually awake. Those who are sleeping can identify those who are sleeping.

There is a saying in my language, but when you translate into English, it’s not so strong. It says, “Those of spirit know each other.” They can see each other.

I was not introduced to Holy [Mother Han](#). I saw her in a vision years ago.

On a Sunday, eight o’ clock in the morning, in front of millions of my followers, who can testify of it up to today, she appeared in a vision in the direction of Asia. And I was told,

“There’s an Asian woman who’s coming. Accept her!”

I do not just go anywhere. As short as I am, and alone, I move in the direction that I’m guided. But I was told in the vision, “Accept her!”

Some few years after, I met the delegation of Reverend Bakary Camara [African [Family Federation](#) leader].

And so goes the story, and I’m here today. That is why I love Holy [Mother Han](#). And I support her, not because I was convinced, but because I could see her spiritually.

My brothers and sisters, your time has come. Let us be awakened spiritually to see spiritual things. We cannot sleep anymore.

To be religious does not mean you are spiritually awake. You can go to church every day, but it does not mean you are spiritually awake.

Who persecute those who are awake today? Our fellow religious people. Those who persecute those who are awake today are our fellow religious people.



From large banner displays at a Family Festival, which included a [marriage blessing](#) ceremony, at Orlando Stadium in Johannesburg, South Africa 9th June 2019. Photo: [FFWPU](#)

To be religious is not enough. How can I be spiritually awake? Only through those who are revealed to me because they receive revelations that are able to awake you spiritually.

It’s not the Internet. It’s going to confuse you. There are confused people here who are confusing others. Only those who are revealed to us can assist us to spiritually wake up.

May our Creator be with us. May we be strong with those we fight and stand with those who are spiritually revealed to us, including Holy [Mother Han](#). Let’s be on fire.

Thank you very much.

See also [2,100 Couples in Global Blessing Ceremony](#)

Featured image above: Imboni Prophet Samuel Radebe speaking in Cheonseong Wanglim Temple, Gapyeong, South Korea 1st May 2026. Screenshot from live transmission by [FFWPU](#)

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