

Hyung Jin Moon Biography

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Hyung Jin Moon (born September 26, 1979) is a Korean-American pastor, along with his wife, Yeon Ah Lee Moon, of the World Peace and Unification Sanctuary - also known as the Rod of Iron Ministry. They are the parents of 5 children.

Early Life and Education

Moon was born in Tarrytown, New York, as the youngest son of Sun Myung Moon and Hak Ja Han Moon. His father is best known as the founder and leader of the Unification Church (Holy Spirit Association for Unification of World Christianity), Family Federation for World Peace and Unification, and many other organizations. The younger Moon attended The Hackley School until college. He earned a Bachelor of Liberal Arts and Master of Theology degrees from Harvard University.

While at Harvard, Moon met the leader of the Jogye Order of Korean Buddhism, the Venerable Bub Jang, and actively pursued an interest in Buddhism. Eventually, he became convinced that Buddhism ultimately led to self-worship and that the Christian Gospel was the only path to human salvation.

Career

In July 2007, Moon began his Christian ministry in a small church located in the Mapo section of Seoul. In December 2007, his father appointed him to be the senior pastor of the FFWPU's Headquarters Church in Seoul's Cheongpa Dong area.

In April 2008, he was appointed to be FFWPU International President and as administrative head of FFWPU Korea.

In January 2009, the senior Moon crowned him as his heir and successor in three separate but nearly identical ceremonies that took place at the FFWPU's main campus in Cheongpyeong, Korea, and in New York City.

In 2010, Moon became senior pastor of the FFWPU's newly renovated 1000-seat Headquarters Church in Seoul's Yongsan area.

In 2011, he represented his father at the funeral of North Korean leader Kim Jong Il and paid his respects directly to the new leader, Kim Jong Un. He visited North Korea a second time in September 2012, immediately following the death of his father. There, he received the condolences of the North Korean government and his father's relatives still living in the communist country. On this visit, he became one of the few civilians ever allowed to travel directly between the capitals of South and North Korea by passing through the demilitarized zone by car.

In the months following his father's death, Moon was asked to step down from leadership roles in the FFWPU. In April 2013, he moved to Pennsylvania, where he and his wife created the World Peace and Unification Sanctuary. Initially, worship services were held in his home. By May 2014, the congregation grew to the point where a dedicated building was necessary, and the ministry moved to a 13,600 square-foot former theater and Catholic church in Newfoundland, PA.

In 2015, he published "Constitution of the United States of Cheon Il Guk," which lays out the political framework for the future Kingdom of God on earth.

Currently, Moon continues his mission as his father's successor and heir through the WPUS ministry. He also hosts "The King's Report," a three-hour YouTube broadcast Monday through Saturday that includes spiritual guidance and political and social commentary from a biblical viewpoint

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Since 2015, as leader of the Sanctuary Church in Newfoundland PA, Pastor Moon has published "The Constitution of the United States of Cheon Il Guk", which lays out the political framework for the future Kingdom of God on Earth.

Pastor Moon also hosts "The King's Report", Mondays through Saturdays from 5:00 to 8:00am, a live YouTube broadcast promoting the "Rod of Iron Ministries" through Bible study and political and social commentary.

"The Rod of Iron Ministries" and the "Gospel of the Kingdom" are at the heart of Pastor Moon's outreach to the body of Christ, based on Rev 19:15 that the coming Lord will "smite the nations: and ... rule them with a rod of iron", which represents our sovereign Second Amendment rights as citizens, and that, "thy Kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven." (Matthew 6:10)

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Books:

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