

## FFWPU Europe and the Middle East: Holy Mother Han Blesses 1,000s in Marriage

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[Hak Ja Han](#), Holy Mother Han, sprinkling holy water on representative couples April 12, 2024

**Family Federation hosts massive international Blessing ceremony in South Korea with thousands wed - 5,000 couples**



[Holy Mother Han](#) officiating at the [Marriage Blessing](#) ceremony April 12, 2025

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[Hak Ja Han](#) (82), also known as "[Holy Mother Han](#)" and "[True Mother](#)", officiated April 12, at a [large international wedding](#) ceremony where according to the organizers - the [Family Federation](#) - 5,000 couples took part. The spectacular event was held in Cheongshim Peace World Center, a large indoor arena, in [Gapyeong](#), located northeast of the South Korean capital Seoul.

The event took place on [Hak Ja Han](#)'s own 65th [wedding](#) anniversary - according to the Oriental lunar calendar (nongnyeok / 음력), which is still used for anniversaries and milestone birthdays.

[Mother Han](#) entered the stage through two lines of "attendants" - couples who had their marriage [blessed](#) by her between 2013 and 2024. She began what is called a "[Marriage Blessing](#) ceremony" by sprinkling holy water on 13 representative couples in two lines on stage. At the same time, assistants sprinkled holy water on all the couples below the stage and at [blessing](#) venues worldwide.



The exchange of [Marriage Blessing](#) rings April 12, 2025

In the next part of the ceremony, [Mother Han](#) read the marriage vow, asking the many couples to affirm it by shouting a loud yes. They all promised to do their very best to accomplish our [Heavenly Parent's ideal](#) of creation by becoming an eternal husband and wife, inherit the tradition established by the [True Parents](#), and build harmonious families that will strive to realize a [Kingdom of Heaven](#) not only here on the earth, but as well in the world that awaits us when we one day pass on.

Then followed the exchange of [marriage blessing](#) rings. First, the groom placed the ring on the bride's finger. Next, the bride placed the other ring on the groom's finger. The ring symbolizes eternal love between husband and wife.

The officiator now offered the blessing proclamation to "announce the [blessing](#) before heaven and earth". [Mother Han](#) read with a loud voice,

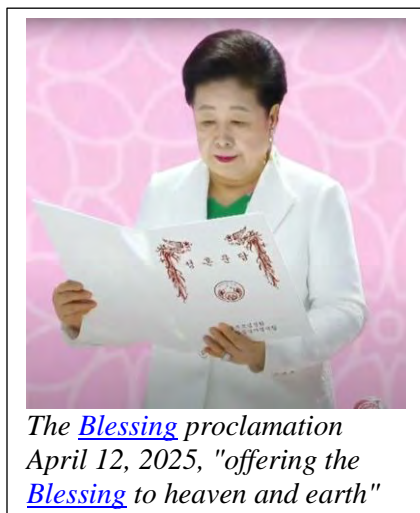
"I hereby proclaim that the virtuous men and women participating in this 'cosmic' [blessing](#) ceremony officiated by the 'True Parents of heaven, earth, and humankind' [See editor's note below] have been joined in holy matrimony before heaven and earth through the grace of Heavenly Parent ([God](#)) and the 'True Parents of heaven, earth and humankind'." (from simultaneous translation)



From the [Marriage Blessing](#) ceremony in Gapyeong, South Korea April 12, 2025

Rev. Guk Hwangbo, the master of ceremony stated that with this, the [marriage blessing](#) for all the young couples and "previously married couples" participating in the event with the title "2025 Hyojeong Cosmic Blessing Ceremony Officiated by the True Parents of Heaven, Earth, and Humankind" [See editor's note below] has been proclaimed throughout "all of heaven and earth".

The ceremony continued with [Mother Han](#) offering her benediction prayer for the blessed brides and grooms. According to the simultaneous translation, she said,



The [Blessing](#) proclamation April 12, 2025, "offering the [Blessing](#) to heaven and earth"

"Dear Creator, Heavenly Parent, the Owner of the universe, [your dream](#) and [ideal of creation](#) have been fulfilled. How long you have waited to embrace these your children!

The 5,000 couples who receive the [blessing](#) today, virtuous men and women, this moment our Heavenly Parent is coming down substantially to each and every one of the couples, fulfilling his/her long-held [dream](#). The Heavenly Parent has been waiting to embrace and love true children. This is the day the dream is accomplished.

Today, all the families receive [blessing](#). After 6,000 years, Heavenly Parent is giving the [blessing](#) directly. It is truly a miraculous moment. [...]"

Representative couples then presented flowers and gifts to [Mother Han](#), the officiator. The brides and grooms then offered their

greetings, first in gratitude to [Holy Mother Han](#) by offering a bow. Then, they bowed to everyone in the audience.

The ceremony was followed by entertainment and preceded by congratulatory speeches.

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**Hak Ja Han** 12th April 2025. Photo: Screenshot from live transmission by Peace TV.

**Led by "Holy Mother Han"**

Aiming to achieve world peace through marriages that transcend racial, religious, and national boundaries, the "2025 Hyojeong Cosmic Blessing Ceremony Officiated by the True Parents of Heaven, Earth, and Humankind" [See editor's note below] was held on 12<sup>th</sup> April at the Cheongshim Peace World Center in Gapyeong County, Gyeonggi Province, South Korea. According to the organizers, 5,000 couples from 90 countries participated. About 30,000 people – also according to organizers

– gathered at the venue, and the ceremony was broadcast worldwide via internet streaming and other media.

The Blessing Ceremony was officiated by Hak Ja Han, wife of the late Reverend Sun Myung Moon and President of the Universal Peace Federation (UPF). During the ceremony, participants took part in a "Holy Marriage Blessing Vow" to pledge the building of ideal families, exchanged rings, and were declared by Han to be "Sacredly married before the cosmos," prompting applause and blessings from the crowd.



From the "Marriage Blessing Ceremony" 12th April 2025, at the Cheongshim Peace World Center in South Korea. Photo: Sekai Nippo

A Japanese couple who participated said with smiles,

"It's truly a blessing to marry someone who shares the same beliefs and values" (the man), and "We want to build an ideal family together while enjoying life" (the woman).

A Japanese woman who married an American man said happily,

"God brought me together with someone wonderful whom I never would have met were it not for the Blessing."

Prior to this, the "65th Anniversary Ceremony of the Cosmic Holy Wedding of the True Parents of Heaven, Earth, and Humankind", celebrating the 65th anniversary of the wedding of Reverend Moon and President Han, was also held. Attendees included Pastor Paula White, head of the U.S. Trump administration's new Faith Office, and Newt Gingrich, the 50th Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives.

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**Featured image** above: Grooms and brides who participated in the "Marriage Blessing Ceremony" 12<sup>th</sup> April 2025, at the Cheongshim Peace World Center in South Korea. Photo: Yuya Kawase (川瀬裕也).

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