

Statement on an application for Dissolution Order
against the Family Federation for World Peace and Unification
(formerly the Unification Church)

We have been consulting with and working for the relief of the victims of the Unification of Families for World Peace and Unification (formerly known as the Holy Spirit Association for the Unification of World Christianity) and its related organizations. We appreciate the fact that the government has conducting a close investigation of the former Unification Church and submitted an application to the court for a dissolution order.

We recognize that the former Unification Church is a "destructive cult" that violates the law and significantly harms public welfare. However, criticism of the former Unification Church should not lead to discrimination against current believers and their families, or against defectors and their families. We believe that there are many victims who have not had the opportunity to leave the former Unification Church until now, as a result of the distortion of their free will, continuous manipulation of information, and mental or financial abuse during the indoctrination process.

The former Unification Church and its related organizations have caused serious grief and suffering not only in terms of financial extortion but also in the lives of individual victims for a long time. The full extent of the cozy relationship between the former Unification Church and its related organizations and politicians in the National Diet and local councils, and how they have influenced politics, have yet to be revealed.

We will continue to stand by and support all victims of the former Unification Church and its related organizations, while taking into account the new phase in which the government has recognized the illegality and maliciousness of the former Unification Church.

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