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Media Alert: Pastor Ezra Jin to Speak at the Ronald Reagan Institute in Washington, D.C.

Recently Released from Detention in China, Pastor Jin Will Share His Story and Discuss the Ongoing Fight for Religious Freedom.

WASHINGTON, DC – The Ronald Reagan Institute's Center for Freedom & Democracy will host an event on Wednesday, October 21, featuring Pastor Ezra Jin, founder and senior pastor of Zion Church, one of China's largest independent house churches.

In October 2025, Pastor Jin was detained alongside other Zion Church pastors and members as part of a nationwide crackdown on the church. After nearly nine months in detention, Pastor Jin was released in July 2026 and reunited with his family in the United States.

The event will begin with introductory remarks from Reagan Institute Director Roger Zakheim, followed by remarks from Pastor Jin. He will be joined by his daughter, Grace Jin Drexel, for a conversation moderated by Reagan Institute Policy Director Rachel Hoff.

Only credentialed media are permitted to attend the event in-person. **To request a media credential, email Alyssa at akhamma@reaganfoundation.org.** The event will also be livestreamed on the Ronald Reagan Presidential Foundation and Institute's [YouTube](#) and [X](#) channels.

Pastor Ezra Jin on the Fight for Religious Freedom in China

Who: Pastor Ezra Jin, Founder and Senior Pastor of Zion Church, and Grace Jin Drexel, his daughter and Director of Advocacy for the Luke Alliance

What: Remarks and Moderated Conversation at the Reagan Institute

When: Wednesday, October 21, 2026, at 5:30 PM EDT

Where: Ronald Reagan Institute, 850 16th Street NW, Washington, D.C. 20006

About the Reagan Foundation and Institute

The Ronald Reagan Presidential Foundation and Institute (RRPFI) is the sole nonprofit organization created by President Reagan charged with advancing his legacy and principles – individual liberty, economic opportunity, freedom and democracy, peace through strength, and national pride.

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convenings and projects of national and international significance, scholarly initiatives, and distinctive educational programs shaping the perspectives of middle, high school, and college students.

In addition, RRPFI sustains the Ronald Reagan Presidential Library and Museum, the largest and most visited presidential library. A leading cultural institution, RRPFI houses a remarkable 125,000 square foot museum with unique historical pieces that tells the story of Ronald Reagan's life, presidency, and enduring impact, and hosts world-class special exhibitions.

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