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**COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN AFFAIRS
JOINT SUBCOMMITTEE HEARING NOTICE
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**Subcommittee on Africa
Chris Smith (R-NJ), Chairman**

**Subcommittee on the Western Hemisphere
Maria Salazar (R-FL), Chairwoman**

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TO: MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN AFFAIRS

You are respectfully requested to attend an OPEN joint hearing of the Committee on Foreign Affairs to be held by the Subcommittee on Africa and Subcommittee on the Western Hemisphere at 10:30 a.m. in Room 2172 of the Rayburn House Office Building. The hearing is available by live webcast on the Committee website at <https://foreignaffairs.house.gov/>.

DATE: Wednesday, February 4, 2026

TIME: 10:30 a.m.

LOCATION: 2172 RHOB

SUBJECT: Defending Religious Freedom Around the World

WITNESSES:
**The Honorable Mark Walker
Principal Advisor for Global Religious Freedom
U.S. Department of State*

The Honorable Sam Brownback
Former Ambassador at Large for International
Religious Freedom
U.S. Department of State

Grace Drexel
Daughter of Pastor Ezra Jin

**Dr. Stephen F. Schneck
Former Chair
United States Commission on International
Religious Freedom*

*NOTE: Witnesses added/changed.

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