



HOLY GROUNDS *in America, 1965*





The Unification Church Holy Grounds are spiritually significant locations around the world chosen and blessed by Reverend Sun Myung Moon. The following list of Holy Grounds in America is from the May 19, 1965 New Age Frontiers, an early Unification Church newsletter. Most, but not all, Holy Grounds are marked by a tree as its central location. Reverend Moon blessed these locations with the intention that every state have a Holy Ground at which people could gather to pray for the fulfillment of God's Will for America. Mother Moon has recently toured the nation, visiting many of these Holy Grounds as a way to reconnect to the roots of the Unification movement in America. This journey reflects the importance of rekindling the energy of the early days. Visiting your local Holy Ground to pray would be a solid step towards the spiritual revival of America.

1. SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA (2/15/65) Northernmost peak of Twin Peaks (renamed Parents Peaks). The central spot is the rock on top. The southern peak (Mother Peak) is also regarded as Holy Ground, although only Father Peak received the blessing ceremony.

2. LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA (2/21/65) Griffith Park. Enter from Fern Dell Drive, pass the vertical parking area on right and picnic ground #7 to parking area on right. Walk past men's rest room #4 and picnic area. Go up dirt pathway to left of picnic area to where large dirt road turns left and steeper trail goes up to right of picnic area. Take steeper path. Climb past small water faucet with spigot about 72 paces. The Holy Ground is on a plateau six paces from the middle of the trail.

3. MT. WHITNEY, CALIFORNIA (2/25/65) The Holy ground is at the entrance to the peak, approx. 9,000 feet, in a grove of pine trees. The central spot is between three pines, one is a straight tree at its approach to maturity.

4. DEATH VALLEY, CALIFORNIA (2/25/65) The Holy Ground is located to the west of Badwater pond.

5. LAS VEGAS, NEVADA (2/26/65) Lyon's Park. The Holy Ground is located at the 25 feet high tree, which is the third tree from the north fence and second tree from west fence.

6. PHOENIX, ARIZONA (2/27/65) Canto Park.

7. ALBUQUERQUE, NEW MEXICO (2/28/65) Roosevelt Park. 36 feet high tree near park bench marks the Holy Ground, which is 275 degrees west to tree on top of dirt mound, 105 degrees east to left-hand corner of school building.

8. DALLAS, TEXAS (3/1/65) White Rock Lake Park. Take Lawther Drive around lake to Dreyfuss Lodge House. Walk 150 degrees south to southernmost of two small elms about four feet apart. There is a squatty tree with much grass at its base about 10 feet southwest that marks the Holy Ground.

9. OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA (3/2/65) Lincoln Park. The Holy Ground is in picnic area #8. At the center is an isolated forked oak tree, first tree east of next to last picnic table.

10. KANSAS CITY, KANSAS (3/3/65) City Park. The hill overlooking the city.

11. ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI (3/4/65) Forest Park. The Holy Ground is the largest of four cedars northwest of the parking area on Art Hill (81 degrees from parking area to trees).

Page 94-95: A scan of the original map used to take Reverend Sun Myung Moon to each state.

Far Left: Reverend Moon creating the Jackson, MS Holy Ground, 1965.

Middle: Reverend Moon creating the Washington, D.C. Holy Ground, March 14, 1965.

Right: Holy Ground in Central Park sits atop a sizable rock behind Shakespeares Garden, New York City.



12. PADUCAH, KENTUCKY (3/5/65)

Bob Noble Park. Northernmost tree of two near a road and "comfort station."

13. MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE (3/5/65)

Overton Park. Cedar tree between two double-trunk trees, south of roadway and east of a building marks the Holy Ground.

14. LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS (3/6/65)

War memorial Park. The Holy Ground is marked by an Oak tree on a hill to the west of gate #4 of War Memorial Stadium, east of St. Vincent's Infirmary which is about 1 mile away.

15. JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI (3/6/65)

Livingston Park. Fourth tree from the road (third pine from the road) marks the Holy Ground. South of the tree are three pines very close together. Arbor to west, zoo to southeast. Orange and white check water tank to south in distance, lake to north.

16. NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA (3/6/65)

City Park. Grove of trees just north of Harrison Ave., east of Magnolia Drive, southwest of two small lakes. Take the road which forks to the right off Magnoliato point, 2/3 of the distance to the lake (fifth tree from the lake on the west side of road). The third tree to the west is marked with a carved triangle on the north side. This is the Holy Ground.

17. MOBILE, ALABAMA (3/7/65)

Municipal Park, Spring Hill Extension, west past Braywood Street. The Holy Ground is marked by a tall pine tree, south of a small green building with a cement walkway, north of a small white home with a brick foundation, 11 paces east of a garden, southwest of high curving pine about 15 paces.

18. TAMPA, FLORIDA (3/8/65)

Lowry Park. Tall pine, 100 yds. west of Greek theater type structure.

19. MIAMI, FLORIDA (3/8/65)

Municipal Park. Tall straight palm tree flanked by three other palms bent toward the west, in the SW corner of the park.

20. SAVANNAH, GEORGIA (3/10/65)

Forsythe Park. Oak tree (largest of several) to the NW of a large white fountain, on the northern side of the park near Huntington and Whittaker Streets.

21. COLUMBIA, SOUTH CAROLINA (3/11/65)

Earlewood Park. Go down the road a ways then walk downhill toward the creek. The Holy Ground is the tall pine between a basketball court and creek. The fourth tree to the north along the eastern side of the sandbox, second to east along the southern side of same sandbox.

22. RALEIGH, NORTH CAROLINA 93/11/65)

Umstead Park, near Umstead Drive and Boylan Street. The Holy Ground is the large oak near the foot of the hill which rises to the east. It is the second tree from the small white pavilion with a hexagonal, green roof.

23. RICHMOND, VIRGINIA (3/11/65)

Monroe Park. The large tree in the center of a plot of grass between a fountain and twin-steeped church with a domed roof on Laurel St., around the house to the left as one faces the church. The Holy Ground is the smaller of two other trees near it.

24. MARTINSBURG, WEST VIRGINIA (3/12/65)

Berkeley County War Memorial Park, off North Tennessee Ave. Small tree, sixth in a row to the south