

## God's Hope for America Bus Tour - Day 19 – On to the Original Colony States

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The group headed to the Columbus, South Carolina Holy Ground, where about 70 people gathered. Among them were Unificationists that had backed away for the last 30 years, and, because of the pilgrimage tour, decided to join that day in reviving America. The South Carolina Unificationists set up a plaque with the names of those who had ascended so that they too, could be present.

It was in this well-prepared environment that everyone sang a hearty rendition of The Battle Hymn of the Republic and Down By the “Holy Ground,” and then local pastor Tim Murphy, who had guided the bus to the Holy Ground, shared these words: “South Carolina is one the original 13 colonies of the U.S. Starting here, you will be moving through all 13 original colonies up the East Coast. South Carolina claims home to four signers of the Declaration of Independence.” Unificationists here took claim of the great merit of this state as their own and spoke with great pride.

Richard Sapp, one of the Unificationists who made efforts to establish a church in South Carolina, shared: “When I joined the church, I understood that I was a ‘co-owner of the universe and I was the richest man in the world.’” What caused him to join the Unification vision was a friend and fellow Unificationist who said to him: “Nothin’ is gonna change until the hearts of men change,” and that changed everything for him. Richard joined right there and then and is now servicing on the National Council.

Local Unificationist Randall Reeves, one of the original South Carolina Unificationists, offered an opening prayer, and then Kyung-son Orr, a Unificationist-born from South Carolina, read from True Father’s speech: “America must consummate her history in the same sacrificial spirit of God.” True Father made this stop on the original Holy Ground tour on March 11, 1965.

Dr. Michael Balcomb closed the event by challenging everyone once again to bring one person or one family a year to study Divine Principle. “God’s hope for America isn’t limited to those who make up the Unification movement today,” says Dr. Balcomb. “It’s for all the billions of God’s children on the planet. Will you make the commitment?” The God’s Hope for America pilgrimage has prepared outreach tools and materials to help make this process a united effort that is simple and easy to do. “Put the bumper sticker on your car,” Dr. Balcomb encouraged. “Become a traveling witness center. Take bookmarks with you wherever you go. God is not satisfied yet. God is longing to see tens of thousands of His and Her children return.” Dr. Balcomb expressed his hope that it is possible to do this if we all commit and do it together. If we are arriving at your door next, come ask us about these materials.