FFWPU USA: Chung Sik Yong to visit Kansas, Nebraska, Iowa, Missouri, Minnesota, North and South Dakota, Wisconsin, Michigan, and Kentucky

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Dr. Chung Sik Yong, regional president of Family Federation for World Peace and Unification (FFWPU), has continued his national tour to revive the spirit of America, visiting 10 states in the Midwest over the next 10 days.

"In Kansas City, I had a very beautiful meeting with community members," he said. "Our time was short, but I met with key leaders and local clergy."

From September 29 to October 8, Dr. Yong will be on the road throughout the Midwest, making stops in Kansas, Nebraska, Iowa, Missouri, Minnesota, North and South Dakota, Wisconsin, Michigan, and Kentucky.

"I appreciate everyone's preparation," said Dr. Yong as he and regional FFWPU leaders gathered to pray at the holy grounds in Kansas City. He emphasized the importance of the holy grounds in every state, established by FFWPU's co-founders, the late Rev. Dr. Sun Myung Moon and Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon.

The 50-state tour, which began in early August, aims to revive the spirit of America as the nation faces a range of issues amid the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. Dr. Yong has met with government and faith leaders across the country as well as American Clergy Leadership (<u>ACLC</u>) pastors who can help revive the spirit of America's people. The tour has also connected him with many couples and families who are the backbone of society and the nation's future.

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"In Nebraska, I felt overwhelmed by the Omaha Family Church and their giving heart and support of this tour," said Dr. Yong. "The state leaders and community members there put forth a lot of effort. I was also able to connect with Katherine Anglin, the national coordinator of <u>YAYAM</u>, to discuss our work with Unificationist youth."

Throughout the tour, Dr. Yong has shared the 2021 goals of FFWPU's national leadership leading up to Dr. Moon's December visit to the U.S. In preparation of the year-end event, presentations outline several goals that aim to connect more people with the <u>Marriage Blessing</u> movement, corresponding resources, as well as increase local community activities nationwide.

Dr. Yong visited the holy grounds in Omaha with leaders before heading to Sioux City, Iowa, and Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

Stay tuned for updates on Dr. Yong's national tour. You can learn more by also joining Morning Devotion <u>here</u>.



## Regional President Stirring the Spirit of America



Dr. Yong meeting with local Indianapolis official | FFWPU-USA

A national tour is currently underway by Dr. Chong Sik Yong, regional president of Family Federation for World and Unification (FFWPU) North America, as he seeks to revive the spirit of America. Dr. Yong is visiting a number of major cities throughout the US, meeting with community leaders and members while delivering a message of hope and peace for America.

"I was happy to see so many [FFWPU] leaders and members in person," said Dr. Yong, who recently visited Dallas Family Church. "It was really great to see each one of them... My desire is to see and meet each of our members and embrace them; this is like the Kingdom of Heaven."

Dr. Yong's trip to Texas follows a stop in Indianapolis last week, where he joined the local Unificationist community in announcing Rev. Josue Kisile as the new pastor of Indianapolis Family Church. Pastor Kisile previously led Grand Rapids Family Church in Michigan.

Dr. Yong and FFWPU-USA leaders also met with new Indianapolis Deputy Mayor Judith Thomas. "I gave her Mother Moon's memoir," said Dr. Yong. "It's the first time I've met a politician since I came to America."

It's been a challenging year for many as the nation faces a range of issues amid the ongoing pandemic.

Dr. Yong aims to connect with more government leaders on his tour—in addition to faith leaders and American Clergy Leadership (ACLC) pastors—who can help revive the spirit of America's people. He also plans to meet with as many couples and families as possible, which comprise the backbone of society and the nation's future.

"I've had great meetings with members regarding all of their activities," said Dr. Yong. "They have shared from their hearts and it was really beautiful."

Community members have been delighted to receive Dr. Yong, too, with some even calling him "family" due to his loving, parental nature. "I was grateful to connect with Dr. Yong and his recent Sunday service message of how important it is to bring restoration to our parents and our lineage," said one young Unificationist from Dallas.

For many, it's the first time they've met Dr. Yong in person since he began his role as regional president last October, when much of the US was still under heavy pandemic restrictions.

"He has really emphasized raising up and supporting the younger generation in America," said Rev. Miilhan Stephens, FFWPU national vice president. "He has a great heart that conveys Mother Moon's deep love for us."

FFWPU's co-founders, Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon and her late husband, the Rev. Dr. Sun Myung Moon, have long spoken about God's hope for America and its critical role in leading the rest of the world toward lasting peace and unity. "Humanity is currently in a position that is not completely aligned with our Creator," warned Dr. Moon during a virtual rally in September 2020, among more recent events. She said the Covid-19 pandemic is a call for us to pay attention; and that America must take initiative and humanity must work together to resolve its problems.

Sharing Dr. Moon's message, Dr. Yong's speaking tour is inspiring more people to respond with urgency. "I feel very encouraged because I really believe that we have power in pioneering a way for others to take action in the world," said a Dallas Unificationist. "I'm determined and feel grateful for Dr. Yong's words of hope."

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