

FFWPU USA: Chung Sik Yong's 1st anniversary as North American Regional President

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Dr. Chung Sik Yong and his wife Mrs. Yoshie Yong

"My family and I are eternally grateful to our beloved Heavenly Parent and True Parents for giving us this opportunity to serve and sacrifice in order to advance God's providence in America. With all my heart and sincerity, I offer deep gratitude and endless appreciation to our beloved True Mother for entrusting me with the responsibility of Regional President of North America; I am overwhelmed by the trust that has been bestowed on me," said Dr. Chung Sik Yong during his inaugural ceremony speech in October 2020.

It's been a year since Dr. Yong began his mission leading Family Federation for World Peace and Unification (FFWPU) in North America. With fervent hope and faith, he and his family relocated to the U.S. after spending 12 years overseeing the Unification movement in Asia.

"In the 1970s our beloved True Parents left Korea and came to America as a firefighter and doctor to heal the problems facing this nation," said Dr. Yong in his speech. "They went through unimaginable persecution and made untold sacrifices as they offered their blood, sweat and tears to save America; and through America, they wanted to save the world."

"True Parents have emphasized repeatedly that America's blessings are not only for the sake of this nation, but also for the sake of God's global providence," he said. "That responsibility is just as significant today."

Dr. Yong quickly hit the ground running -- launching the daily [Morning Devotion](#) program in the U.S. to guide national prayer and attendance to God, our Heavenly Parent. He also brought a wealth of knowledge, wisdom and experience, having previously served as the regional chair of the Universal Peace Federation (UPF) in Asia for more than a decade, and as the regional chair of UPF in Oceania before that.

During the 1990s and early 2000s, Dr. Yong worked in various nations throughout the world, including Japan, the U.S. (Washington, DC and New York), Puerto Rico, and the Philippines, as well as Thailand, Singapore, and Malaysia, where he lived for several years. In 2005, he received his Doctorate Degree in theology from Sun Moon University in Korea after earning a Master of Business Administration in 2003 from Gwangju University.

Beyond his exemplary leadership, Dr. Yong, 64, is a loving family man. A native of Korea, he received the [Marriage Blessing](#) with Mrs. Yoshie Yong of Japan in 1988 and together they have three children. Dr. Yong's selfless heart for others and service-oriented nature quickly helped him cultivate deep connections among national leaders and community members as he embarked on a [50-state tour](#) from August to October to revive the spirit of America and deliver a message of hope, peace and healing for the nation.

"I have sincere appreciation and respect for our American elders, leaders, and members who have invested and endured so much to expand heaven's providence and advance the foundation laid by our True Parents," Dr. Yong said. "True Mother has set a 2027 goal of firmly establishing a heavenly unified world. Only by uniting with True Mother and working together can we form a heavenly unified world, and we will absolutely bring victory for God and True Parents!"

Southeast

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 ([ACLCL](#)) 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."

Stay tuned for updates on Dr. Yong's national tour. You can learn more by also joining Morning Devotion [here](#).

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