

## **Dr. Chung Sik Yong continued his national tour in the Northeast region**

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Dr. Chung Sik Yong (center) with Unificationists from around the Southeast

"Chuseok is one of the greatest celebration days," said Dr. Chung Sik Yong, the regional president of Family Federation for World Peace and Unification (FFWPU) North America. He spent the September 21 holiday, known as "Korean Thanksgiving," on the road accompanied by fellow Unificationist leaders as he continued his [national tour](#) to revive the spirit of America.

The 50-state tour, which began in early August, has brought Dr. Yong across the U.S. visiting numerous communities. "It's a busy schedule, but I'm so glad to meet everyone in person," he said.

In the past week, Dr. Yong wrapped up [touring the Northeast](#) region - including New Jersey, Pennsylvania and Delaware - and ventured Southeast to visit Washington, DC, and six states in five days: Florida, South Carolina, North Carolina, Virginia, West Virginia, and Maryland.

"With each community, we shared about the 2021 goals leading up to Mother Moon's visit in December," said Rev. Ernest Patton, FFWPU Southeast regional director. He and Dr. Yong, along with other key leaders and community members, also gathered to pray at local holy grounds established by FFPWU's co-founders, the late Rev. Dr. Sun Myung Moon and Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon.

"We had some people come a long distance - three and four hours - to join us at these holy grounds," said Dr. Yong. He emphasized the importance of the holy grounds and the desire for each FFWPU state leader to multiply them in counties and cities within their jurisdiction.

The national tour 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 as well as American Clergy Leadership ([ACLC](#)) 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.

"In North Carolina, we had a pastors' summit at the Triangle Family Church," said Dr. Yong. "And in West Virginia, we met with the mayor of Martinsburg and the chief of police, as well as ACLC pastors."

While stopping in Baltimore, Dr. Yong fondly recalled his first time in Maryland and referred to the state as his "second hometown."

"Twenty-two years ago, I came to Maryland and stayed with 120 of our missionaries there," he said. "I have very unforgettable, beautiful memories of that time."

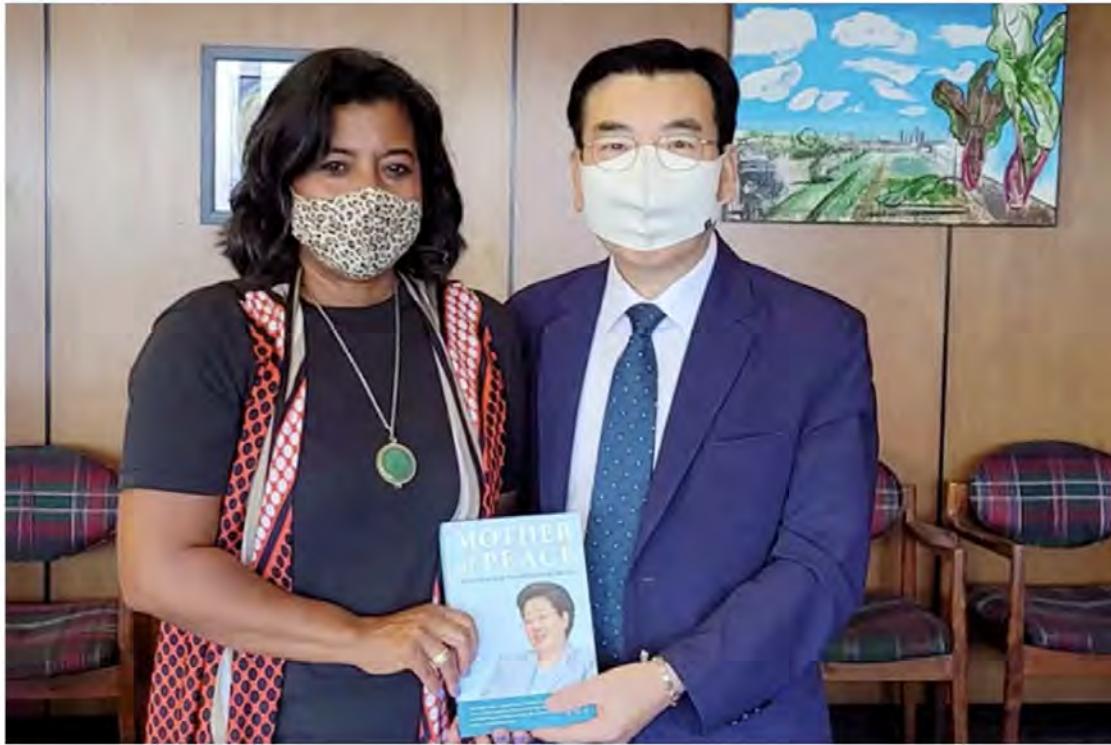
Throughout the tour, Dr. Yong and FFWPU National President Rev. Naokimi Ushiroda has shared the 2021 vision of FFWPU-USA with presentations outlining several goals in preparation for a special year-end event featuring Dr. Moon. Leaders aim to connect more people with the [Marriage Blessing](#) movement, corresponding resources, as well as increase local community activities nationwide.

"I appreciate everyone's commitment to come out on this tour," said Dr. Yong. "We are very grateful and want to bring about a hopeful heavenly USA."



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## 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. Milhan 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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## Embracing the Journey of Faith



Dr. Chung Sik Yong is welcomed in New Hampshire during his national tour. (FFWPU-USA)

"We covered about 12 communities in four to five days, so it was quite a whirlwind," said Rev. Naokimi Ushiroda, national president of Family Federation for World Peace and Unification (FFWPU). "We appreciate all of the communities who welcomed us and prepared for us on this tour."

Rev. Naokimi was among a group of Unificationist leaders joining Dr. Chung Sik Yong, regional president of FFWPU North America, on his [national tour](#) which covered the Northeast this past week. Dr. Yong visited seven states along the East Coast, where he met with community members and offered prayers at various holy grounds while delivering a message of hope and peace for America.

"We had meetings with different leaders and youth, which was an opportunity for Dr. Yong to greet and listen and respond to these community members," said Resfred Arthur, secretary general of the FFWPU-USA Northeast region.

Dr. Yong's 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 met with government and faith leaders as well as American Clergy Leadership ([ACLC](#)) 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.

"Though Dr. Yong was talking all day, going from community to community, he was never short on words," said Arthur. "Dr. Yong shared about his experience in Thailand with the Worcester community and how he was able to build the [Unification] movement's presence there and that was really moving."

In addition to Massachusetts, Dr. Yong spoke with Unificationists in Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Rhode Island, Connecticut, and throughout New York. The tour included stops at the Boston Commons and Boston Gardens; and while in Providence, Dr. Yong discussed the history of Rhode Island's capital and the community's vision to start a Collegiate Association for the Research of Principles ([CARP](#)) chapter there.

Dr. Yong discussed embracing the journey of faith, letting God speak through each of us, and the identity of young Unificationists, among other faith-inspired topics. He also met with senior leaders and students of multiple Unificationist institutions.

"Increasing the quality and quantity of our love for others is important," he said before an audience at the Manhattan Family Church.

Throughout the tour, Dr. Yong and Rev. Naokimi shared the 2021 vision of FFWPU-USA with presentations outlining several goals in preparation for a special year-end event featuring FFWPU co-founder Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon.

"We want to present a healthy and hopeful heavenly USA," said Rev. Naokimi, as leaders aim to connect more people with the [Marriage Blessing](#) movement, corresponding resources, as well as increase local community activities nationwide.

"We shared about our goals with each community and about Dr. Moon's upcoming visit to America in December," said Dr. Yong. "We had heartfelt communications that were very beautiful to experience. I was so happy to meet so many people and see that they have great commitment toward reviving the spirit of America."

Dr. Yong's national tour is scheduled to continue this month in Pennsylvania and the Midwest region.

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