

FFWPU USA: Chung Sik Yong's Midwest Tour Covers 10 States In 10 Days

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"This tour is about following in the footsteps of Rev. and Dr. Moon's 1965 holy ground tour," said Rev. Kazuo Takami, the Midwest regional director of Family Federation for World Peace and Unification (FFWPU). "Father Moon went across all of America establishing [holy grounds](#); and then 10 years later, in 1975, he sent missionaries throughout the world following the same pattern."

Since early August, FFWPU North America Regional President Dr. Chung Sik Yong has visited numerous communities across the country to revive the spirit of America amid the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. Rev. Takami and other Unificationist leaders joined Dr. Yong on the recent [Midwest leg](#) of his national tour - channeling the heart and resolve of FFWPU's co-founders, the late Rev. Dr. Sun Myung Moon and Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon.

"We were so blessed to welcome Dr. Yong to the Midwest during such a beautiful and colorful season," said Rev. Takami. "He traveled to 10 states over 10 days covering more than 2,800 miles by car, so this was a long journey."

From September 29 to October 8, Dr. Yong met with local officials, clergy, interfaith leaders and community members in Kansas, Nebraska, Iowa, and Missouri, as well as Minnesota, North and South Dakota, Wisconsin, Michigan, and Kentucky.

"We want to touch every person's heart sincerely," said Dr. Yong, as he shared his vision and ministry of creating genuine connections and promoting unity and reconciliation among communities.

"This is the most moving aspect of the tour for me personally," said Rev. Takami.

Dr. Yong met with leaders like Apostle Clarence and Joyce Haddon in Michigan - parents of top Christian RandB singer Deitrick Haddon - as well as Bishop Bernie Wade in Kentucky, who invited him to his 2022 convention as the keynote speaker.

Throughout the tour, Dr. Yong has also shared the 2021 goals of FFWPU's national leadership leading up to Dr. Moon's visit to the U.S. in December. He outlined several goals which aim to connect more people with the [Marriage Blessing](#) movement, corresponding resources, as well as increase local community activities nationwide. Still, a key part of the tour has been visiting the holy grounds in each state to pray for America and the world.

"The pouring rain stopped during our prayers at the holy grounds of at least three different sites," said Rev. Takami in amazement. "There was a great atmosphere there with our presence and heart of service."

Dr. Yong commended FFWPU's Midwest tour organizers for their hard work and announced his support and participation in all pastors' summits organized by Unificationist state leaders who bring 40 couples or 70 individual participants.

"We must pray together for the spirit of America," he said. "I see this universal principle of when you give, you receive."

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Restoring God's Land



Twin Peaks overlooking San Francisco, Calif., is the first Holy Ground established by Rev. Moon in America in 1965.

“Holy Ground is a representative area of a nation or city,” said the late Rev. Dr. Sun Myung Moon, co-founder of the Family Federation for World Peace and Unification (FFWPU). “It is God’s place, a place where He is more free to hear our prayers... God symbolically restores that land as His own property.”

With Rev. Moon’s guidance, the first Holy Grounds were founded in South Korea by early Unificationists from October 5 to 7, 1962. These four Holy Grounds were selected in the north, south, east, and west districts of Seoul. Rev. Moon explained that originally all land belonged to God, our Heavenly Parent, but after humanity fell away from God, God lost everything. Rev. Moon shared his desire to reclaim God’s lands symbolically, first through Holy Grounds and later by restoring the homeland.

In January 1965, Rev. Moon departed South Korea for his first world tour. After spending two weeks in Japan, he left for the U.S., where he established the first Holy Ground in America on Twin Peaks overlooking San Francisco. In the next 44 days, Rev. Moon traveled by car to all 48 contiguous states, establishing 55 Holy Grounds along the way.

Rev. Moon’s first visit to America lasted until July 1965 when he departed for Europe. From January through October of that year, Rev. Moon founded 120 Holy Grounds in 39 nations, including America and throughout Europe, the Middle East, and Asia Pacific.

Rev. Moon returned to South Korea and created Holy Grounds in each regional district before establishing the main Holy Grounds in Seoul, which included one at Cheongpa Dong church. The original four Holy Grounds founded by early Unificationists in 1962 then became part of the official seven Holy Grounds in Seoul by Rev. Moon. He finished blessing all of the Holy Grounds throughout the world on January 1, 1966.

“The atmosphere at the Holy Grounds is sacred,” said Rev. Moon. “When we pray at a Holy Ground, our prayers relate to the historical foundation of comforting God’s heart through reclaiming His land. Because of this, prayers offered at the Holy Grounds have a greater effect... Our mind and attitude should be more pious and we should feel closer to God.”

Today, the Holy Grounds throughout the U.S. are frequently visited with prayers for the country and world, as Unificationist leaders and members join FFWPU North America Regional Director Dr. Chung Sik Yong on his [national tour](#) to revive the spirit of America. Since early August, Dr. Yong has met with communities across the nation while offering prayers at local Holy Grounds concerning a range of issues facing the U.S. amid the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.

While [visiting the Southeast](#) region, Dr. Yong expressed the desire for each FFWPU state leader to multiply the Holy Grounds in counties and cities within their jurisdiction. “These Holy Grounds established by Father Moon are very important,” he said. “We must pray together for the spirit of America.”

You can learn more about Dr. Yong’s national tour by also joining Morning Devotion [here](#), and learn more about Rev. Moon’s life in his autobiography available [here](#).

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Reviving the Spirit of America, One State at a Time



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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 (ACLIC) 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 [YAYAM](#), 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 [Marriage Blessing](#) movement, corresponding resources, as well as increase local community activities nationwide.

