

## Perry Cordill: Visiting Church Pioneers Promise Unity, Harmony

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*One World Crusaders stop for lunch along the road*

Promising unity and harmony throughout the land, a group of 27 pioneers of the Unification Church International brought their message to Raleigh Monday in a rally at North Hills Shopping ' Center.

"One World Crusade," the name of the group, one of two traveling by bus around the United States, sang songs proclaiming a "day of joy, day of delight, day of true family," accompanied by maracas, tambourines, a violin and a guitar.

The Unification Church was founded in 1954 by Sun Myung Moon in Seoul, South Korea. His teachings are based on a series of revelations beginning in 1936 when he was 16 years old.

The religion has 30,000 followers in southeast Asia and about 500 in the United States. A total of 50 pioneers are canvassing the county in two buses and the church hopes to have 10 buses touring by the end of 1972.

Most of the followers are between 23 and 28. Those at the North Hills rally ranged in age from 23 to 35.

Some wore sport shirts, others coats and ties. Girls wore casual frocks and long skirts. Each sported a white ribbon with the words "One World Crusade" and "Day of Hope."

A banner behind the singers proclaimed "Day of Hope lectures - New Message for Mankind."

While various pioneers talked, another passed out literature among the passersby who stopped to listen and wandered on their way.

Members of the church come from assorted backgrounds. One man was studying to be a Catholic priest when he joined the movement. Another followed the group from Arizona to Arkansas where he joined up.

Many were former students.

Perry Cordill, 35, has been with the movement for two and a half years. He became interested while auditioning in a part for the musical "Hair" in Las Vegas.

Gaynell Frizzell heard about the church while studying in Austria. When she returned to the U.S., she became actively involved in the movement.

Carl Hagan, a former mechanic, saw a group from the Unification Church praying in a park. He was so taken with the scene, he became a member.

"You are probably wondering why we dropped what we were doing and travel around proclaiming a message of 'New Hope,'" Hagan said at the rally to the few onlookers.

"We are optimistic. Teaching the Unification Principles gives us hope. We now have the tools and means to accomplish things never before able to be achieved," he said.

Cordill described the religion as "an expansive type of organization which includes religion, politics, art and culture, economics and science."

The Unification Church is based on a "God-centered world neither democratic nor communistic, but one never before presented," Cordill said.

He said the religion was going to grow and will be a household world within three years.

William Torrey, state representative of the church -- headquartered at 219 Forest Drive, equated the beginnings of the church to planting a crop. "First you have to till the soil and then plant the seed, returning later to water it," he said.

Within the next three years, the church hopes to have a mobile unit in each state to travel to communities.