

Werner Seubert: Unification Church Expanding in Madison, Wisconsin

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Madison is the founding center in Wisconsin for the new and expanding Unification Church.

Two months ago, the Church purchased a house at 127 N. Hamilton St., to serve as its center. Since then, four of its members have left for Milwaukee to found a second center and a third one will soon be started in Racine.

Reinhard Iglar, a Church member from Berlin, Germany, explained that the Unification Church has a Christian basis. Founded by a South Korean in 1954, the mission spread to Japan, the United States and Europe. Thirty nations have centers today.

Iglar mentioned that the principle of the Unification Church is one of a world-wide union of religions, cultures and sciences. In short, he said it is a form of international consciousness. "Our members have all kinds, of different backgrounds," Iglar said, "such as Shintoism, Buddhism or Christianity."

"The Principles form an ideology on which the ideals of the human race are realized in their physical existence," he said. "Religions are expressions of man's inner desires, but they are for the external and physical body as well."

Iglar mentioned that the founder of the religion, Sun Myung Moon, began this One-World Crusade so that members from many nations could be united at one center.

The Unification Church is a religion that wants to unify the various branches of the tree of religion, according to Sun Myung Moon. Moon emphasized that the ideal world "God's Kingdom on Earth" was intended by God to exist from the very start. The kingdom was to be a physical and a spiritual one at the same time.

Werner Seubert, leader of the Unification, Church explained that "man is seeking happiness since that is his purpose and hope in life. Religions used to deny the physical aspect," Seubert said. "But we believe that religion should be a balance between body and mind."

The Church holds weekend seminar sessions and anyone interested may call 255-4426 for information.