

This Week in History (May 31–May 06)

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Government Registration of the Holy Spirit Association for the Unification of World Christianity (1963.05.31 Seoul, Korea)



On May 31, 1963, the Holy Spirit Association for the Unification of World Christianity was registered as a social organization with the South Korean government.

Religious activities were made possible as a legitimate organization by registering as Social Organization Item 261.

About four months later, we received judicial foundation approval and were able to run the association effectively.

True Father said, “We struggled to finally gain permission from the Ministry of Education, who had refused to register us; the foundation has been established and is able to carry out legitimate religious activities.”

Yankee Stadium Bicentennial God Bless America Festival (1976.06.01; New York City, United States)

On June 1, 1976, the Bicentennial God Bless America Festival was held at Yankee Stadium in New York City. At this celebration of the 200th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence, 50,000 participants attended True Father’s speech, “God’s Hope for America.” In it, he emphasized, “God has sent me to America in the role of a doctor, in the role of a firefighter” and “I know God’s will is to save the world, and to do that, America must lead the way.”

(Source: History Compilation Committee)



**Seventy-Two-Couple Blessing Ceremony
(1962.06.04, headquarters church, Seoul)**

On June 4, 1962, at 6:20 a.m., True Parents officiated the Seventy-Two-Couple Blessing Ceremony in the headquarters church in Cheongpa-dong, Seoul. Three consecutive ceremonies of twenty-four couples each took ten hours to complete. True Father explained that it represented “purifying the historical foundation of our ancestors to achieve the Four Position Foundation without the Abel–Cain conflict by establishing seventy-two couples, which was number resulting from 2 times 36.” (Source: History Compilation Committee)

