

## This Week in History: September 29 to October 5

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October 1, 1973

### Rev. Moon Embarks on Nationwide ‘Christianity in Crisis: New Hope’ 21 City Speaking Tour



*Unificationists rally at Wall Street in New York City to support the first location of the 21-City Tour between October 1-3, 1973*

The 21-city tour, which began on October 1, 1973, took as its theme, “Christianity in Crisis: New Hope.” Each three-night stop featured speeches by Rev. Moon on “God’s Hope for Man,” “God’s Hope for America,” and “The Future of Christianity.” In mid-July, as a result of a further influx of missionaries from Japan and Europe, two forty-member International One World Crusade (IOWC) teams were formed to travel the twenty-one city itinerary, preparing the way for Rev. Moon’s lecture series the following fall and winter.



*The Tour Bus for the 1973 Christianity in Crisis: New Hope 21-City Speaking Tour, which began on October 1st*

October 1, 1975

### PR Director Joe Tully Holds Press to Defend the Church

Barrytown Training Center Director Joe Tully held a press conference on October 1st, 1975 amid a circus-like atmosphere and with as many as a hundred news people with cameras and sound equipment jammed into the church’s New York City 71st Street center. He was responding to a press conference staged 10 days earlier by New Jersey State Insurance Commissioner James Sheeran, the father of three daughters in the church, in which Sheeran charged that he had been assaulted by church members and knocked unconscious when he went to Barrytown to get his daughters. At the time, many parents were mortified by media-driven hysteria about cults. (For example, on September 27th, Wendy Helander, a short-term member from California, recently deprogrammed, took to the media, announcing that she had been “thoroughly brainwashed.” In fact, Helander was coerced to make the statement and soon returned

to the Unification Church.) Joe Tully maintained that Mr. Sheeran arrived at the training center at 4:40 a.m., having already been informed that his daughters were not there, entered the premises illegally, was “disruptive, violent and utterly unreasonable,” persisted with “force and vulgarities,” and “struck me repeatedly and bit me on the arm.” The charges and counter-charges were inconclusive but provided great theatre for New York tabloids, and Mr. Sheeran’s call for a congressional investigation of the church struck a responsive chord for some.

**October 1, 1980**

#### **Rev. Moon Inaugurates Ocean Church**



*On October 1, 1980, True Father gathered members who had participated in tuna fishing that summer, along with Unification Theological Seminary (UTS) graduates, and officially founded Ocean Church.*

On October 1, 1980, Rev. Moon inaugurated Ocean Church. Initially, he chose 24 seminary graduates and 60 members in supporting roles to pioneer 24 port cities on the East, West and Gulf coasts. He directed them to build a foundation of 60 members, at which point they were to order 10, 28 foot “Good Go” fiberglass boats from the movement’s fleet and one large, stern trawler. He advised the Ocean Church pioneers to “visit the Coast Guard chief, police chief and mayor,” telling them that “your sole concern is to revive the fishing industry in America.”

**October 2, 1959**

#### **Founding of HSA-UWC Japan**

On October 2, 1959, the first Sunday service of the Unification Church of Japan was held on the second floor of the Yukeisha clock shop in Shinjuku, Tokyo, attended by three members. This day has been commemorated as the founding day of the Unification Church of Japan.

**October 3, 2333 B.C.**

#### **Korea Celebrates National Foundation Day**



*The Korean nation, the spiritual homeland of the Unification movement, celebrates its 4,344th National Foundation Day based on the Tangun the legendary founder of ancient Korea.*

October 3rd is a public holiday in the Republic of Korea (South Korea) as it celebrates its 4,344th National Foundation Day. This national holiday, also known as “Tangun Day” and Gaecheon-jeol, commemorates the legendary founding of the Korean nation, the spiritual homeland of the Unification movement, or the creation of ancient Korea in 2333 B.C. by Tangun whereby the first Korean state was established. The *Tangun* legend not only reflects Korean ideals, but helped develop the pride of a people with a long history and an ancient culture. Through the centuries, Koreans have preserved this legend, which became a source of spiritual comfort in times of crisis.

**October 3, 2003**

**Inaugural Assembly Held for Interreligious and International Peace Council**



*Rev. Moon delivers the Founder's Address at the Inauguration Assembly on Oct 3, 2003 for the Interreligious and International Peace Council.*

The Interreligious and International Peace Council (IIPC) was created to “improve existing methods and practices for addressing critical global problems by being the leader in the moral or spiritual conscience in leadership governance.” At the assembly in New York City 304 delegates, including 52 guests from the United Nations – representing 149 nations – attended the 4-day Inaugural Assembly with the theme, “Global Governance for a New Realm of Peace.”

Read Rev. Moon's address here: [http://www.tparents.org/unews/unws0310/iipc\\_mc\\_tf\\_speech.htm](http://www.tparents.org/unews/unws0310/iipc_mc_tf_speech.htm)

**October 4, 1976**

**Rev. Moon Proclaims Day of the Victory of Heaven**

The morning after the Washington Monument festival, at a rally in Great Falls Park, in Northern Virginia, Col. Bo Hi Pak conveyed Rev. Moon’s message to several thousand members that he judged the Washington Monument rally to be an “unconditional success” and that he was “proud of them.” Some two weeks later at Belvedere, NY, on October 4th, the 26th anniversary of Rev. Moon’s release from a South Korean communist prison camp, he again proclaimed the Washington Monument rally to be an “unqualified victory” and confessed, “I feel light as a feather. I feel like I can fly. I have borne a tremendous burden of responsibility, but with the victory at Washington Monument, I feel like I have been liberated from the weight. I can now walk as a free man. I can hold my head up before heaven and earth.” Rev. Moon said the incredible suffering he endured during his years in prison should no longer be emphasized. Therefore, the Day of Victory of Heaven (combining the two significant days of prison release date and Washington Monument rally) should be celebrated jointly on October 4th.

Full speech can read here: <http://www.tparents.org/Moon-Talks/sunmyungmoon76/761004.htm>

**October 5, 1998**

**Rev. Moon Proclaims Total Liberation and Unification between the Physical World and the Spiritual World**

October 5th in Korea is the day of the Autumn Moon Festival. On this day, Rev. Moon held a ceremony in São Paulo, Brazil called The Total Liberation and Unification Day ceremony. At this time, he gave missions to certain countries to take charge of the saints in spirit world that were blessed at the June 13, 1998 blessing at Madison Square Garden. He also gave missions to other religion founders. He sent Jesus to America, Buddha to Korea, Confucius to China, Mohammed to the Islamic world, and Joseph and Mary to South America.