

FFWPU USA: Dr. Chung Sik Yong, completes his National Holy Grounds Tour

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With minor jet lag and a tropical-themed shirt, Dr. Chung Sik Yong, FFWPU regional president of North America, concluded his [national tour](#) to revive the spirit of America in Hawaii this week - the last state after 15 weeks of travel across the continental U.S. and Alaska.

Dr. Yong, buoyant and ready, arrived in the 'Aloha State' Nov. 10, visiting the towns of Kailua-Kona on Hawaii (the Big Island) and Honolulu on Oahu island.



"I went to the Honolulu Family Church and then we gathered at the local holy ground," he said. "I met with our leaders there and shared some internal guidance with our young members. We had a very good time together."

Dr. Yong also stopped by FFWPU's warehouse and fishing farm started by True Parents in Hawaii. It's been a busy week as he wrapped up the final leg of his tour in the Western U.S.

Since August, the tour has taken him to every state, following in the footsteps of True Parents who established [holy grounds](#) across the country in 1965. Dr. Yong has met with Unification leadership and members in each community, as well as local government and faith leaders, sharing a message of hope and peace to revive the spirit of America and its people.



Earlier in the week, regional leaders joined Dr. Yong at the Peace Arch Border Crossing which connects the U.S. and Canada.

"We gathered there and prayed together with Canadian members," said Dr. Yong. "It was beautiful to step in the land of Canada and join together; it was a really great moment."



Dr. Yong also met with Unificationists in Bellingham, Wash., Seattle, and Portland.

"We had a great meeting with our leaders and [ACLC](#) pastors," he said. "I was so impressed to see these

beautiful communities. They are really loving and heartistic communities that care for each other. They're creating a beautiful culture and environment."

Dr. Yong then met with the staff of [Ocean Peace](#) in Seattle, and prayed at the Oregon Korean War Memorial as well.



In the West, Dr. Yong traveled to Missoula and Billings, Mont., where he said he was moved by the unity of the two communities. In Idaho, Dr. Yong met with community members at The Grove Hotel in Boise where True Father spoke in 2001. However, it was Utah which gave him great inspiration among the interfaith leaders he met in Salt Lake City.

"I've learned some things from the Mormon Church," he said. "They have more than 50,000 young missionaries all over the world. They're raising these young people so well... One thing that is similar is that many of them get married young and have very clear goals and a high moral standard - We can really learn from them."

"The Mormon missionaries inspire me with how we can send many missionaries all over the world," he continued. "Then America will surely become the center of the world. The Mormons raise their young people through service projects relating to many organizations... They have a very powerful and clear system and care for each other deeply. The city is clean and everywhere you go there is a welcoming spirit and warm culture of heart. We need to reflect on ourselves and develop a clear system, and I think God has shown us a model to follow."

Dr. Yong aims to ignite the hope and faith of many couples and families - the backbone of society and the nation's future - amid a range of issues facing America and the world during the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. Throughout the tour he shared FFWPU's national goals leading up to True Mother's visit to the U.S. in December: connecting more people with the [Marriage Blessing](#) movement and corresponding resources, as well as increasing local community activities nationwide.

You can learn more about FFWPU's Blessing America campaign [here](#).

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Don't Stop Believing



"I was introduced to so many people and had the chance to hear all their beautiful testimonies," said Dr. Chung Sik Yong, who is now continuing his [national tour](#) in the Western United States.

On November 1, Dr. Yong, FFWPU regional president of North America, arrived in the Colorado capitol of Denver.

"We had a nice meeting with members at the Colorado Family Church," he said, "and I met with key regional leaders Revs. Ken Doo, Kevin Thompson, Michael Heinrich, and others including Rev. Richard Buessing and his wife."

"I really appreciate the Buessing couple's dedication," he said, as they opened their home to host Dr. Yong's meeting.

Since early August, Dr. Yong's 50-state tour has taken him across the country as he [follows in the footsteps](#) of True Parents. In each state, he has met with Unification leadership and members, as well as local government and faith leaders, sharing a message of hope and peace to revive the spirit of America and its people. Dr. Yong has also visited the [holy grounds](#) in each state established by True Parents in 1965.

"I went to the holy ground in Wyoming for prayer with a small group," he said. "We don't have much foundation there, but in the future we need to send young people to pioneer that area. It's such

a beautiful place.

After stopping in Wyoming, Dr. Yong flew from Colorado to Utah where he was welcomed by Pastor Mike Stovall of Salt Lake City Family Church. The tour has enabled Dr. Yong to meet many Unificationists in person for the first time since assuming the role of regional president during the pandemic last year.

As the nation faces a range of issues amid the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, Dr. Yong has connected with many couples and families – the backbone of society and the nation’s future. Along the way, he has shared FFWPU’s national goals leading up to True Mother’s visit to the U.S. in December. Unificationist leaders aim to connect more people with the [Marriage Blessing](#) movement, corresponding resources, and increase local community activities nationwide.

“The tour has been a very good experience,” said Dr. Yong as he continues to more states.

Dr. Yong will finish touring the Western U.S. this week.

You can learn more about Dr. Yong’s national tour by joining Morning Devotion [here](#).

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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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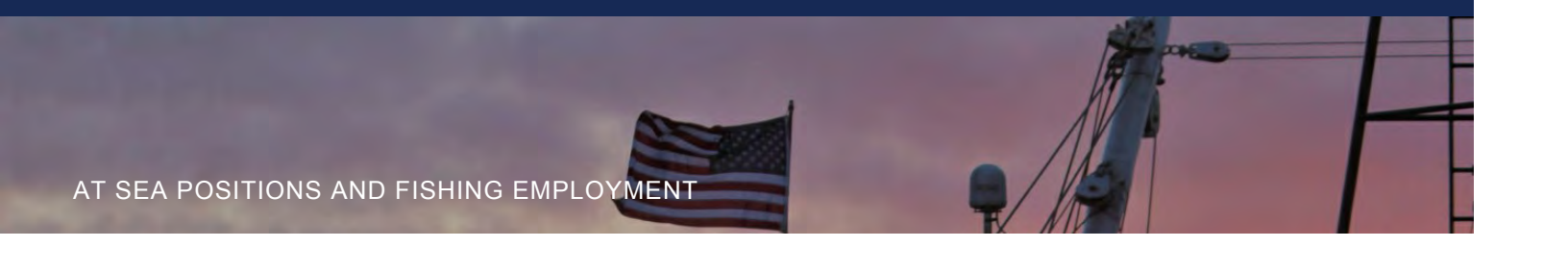
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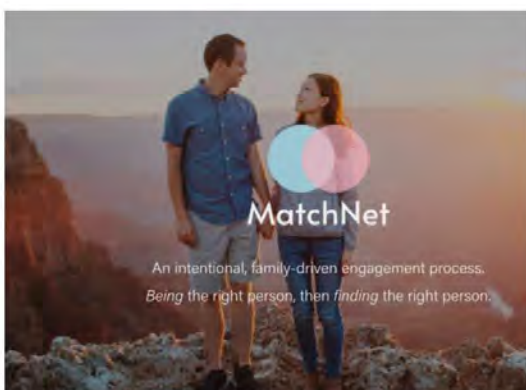
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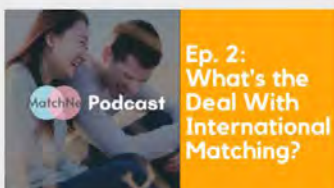
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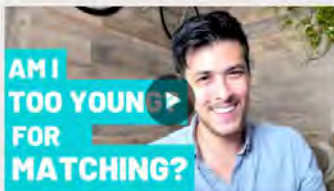
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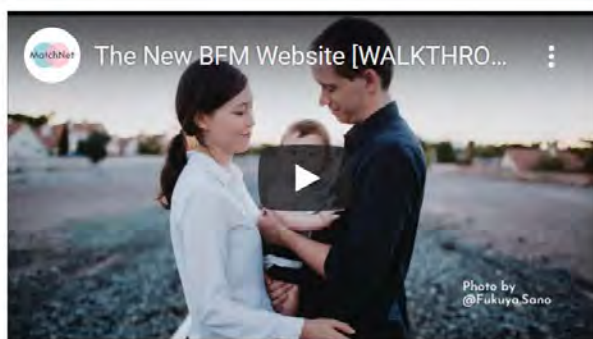
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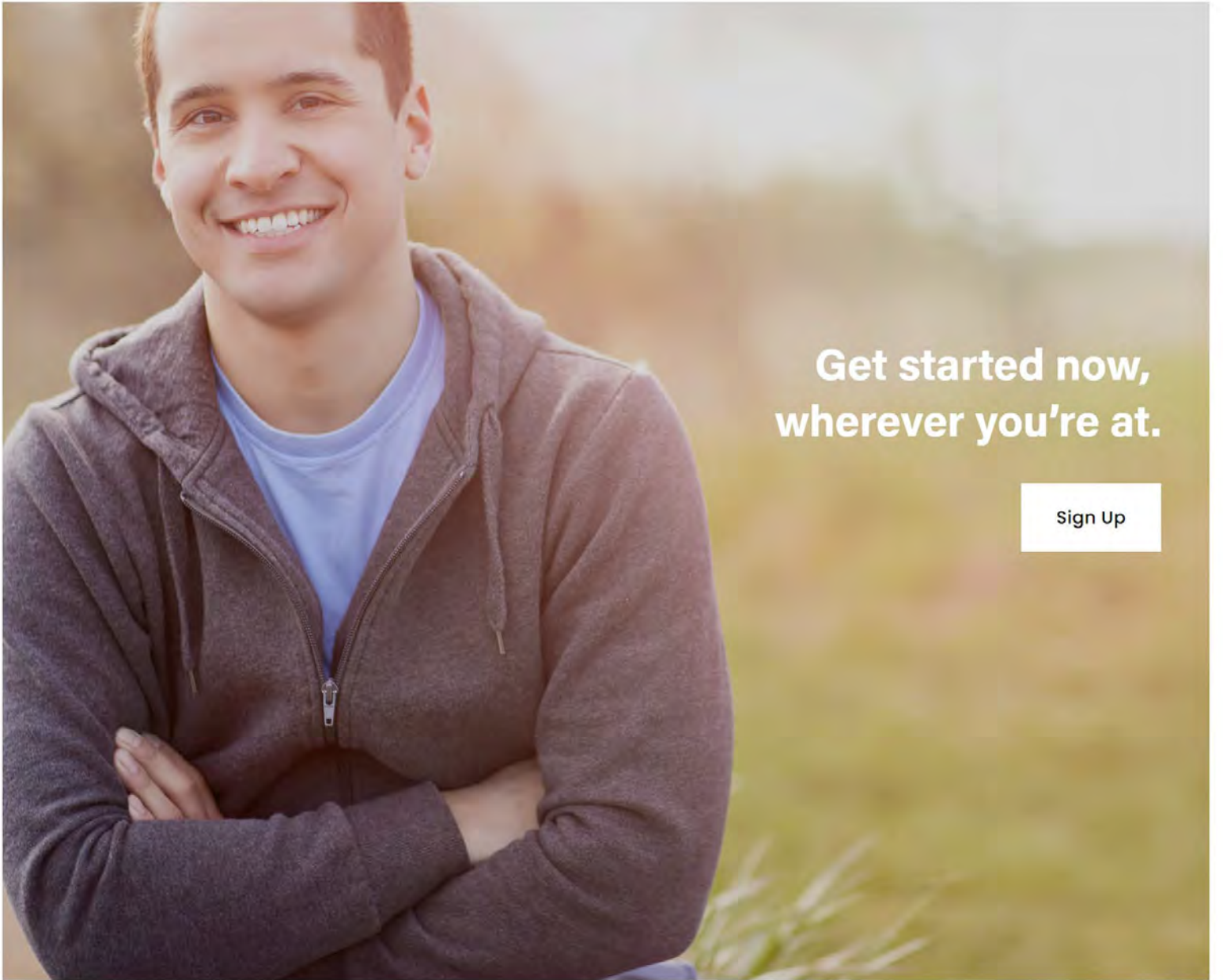
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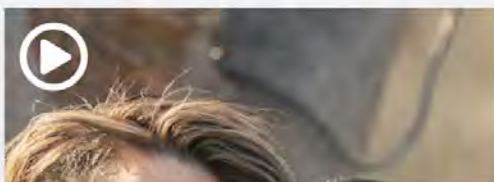
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