

## **This Week in History (August 30 -- September 5)**

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### **The Universal Seonghwa Ceremony of Sun Myung Moon, the True Parent of Heaven, Earth and Humankind August 13, 2012, Chung Pyung, Korea**

On August 13, 2012, at 1:54 a.m. True Father ascended after announcing that he had accomplished everything. Unification Church members could not hide their surprise and grief at his sudden ascension and the world was sorry to see him go. The Universal Seonghwa Ceremony was held on August 25 at the Cheongshim Peace World Center. Thirty-five thousand people attended, including domestic and foreign leaders, Ambassadors for Peace and members and 300 people that were or had been heads of state. In commemoration of True Father's Third Seonghwa Memorial many events, locally and internationally are being held. (Materials provided by the FFWPU History Compilation Committee)



### **The Ceremony for the Settlement of the Eight Stages August 31, 1989, in Kodiak, Alaska, United States**

On August 31, 1989, in Kodiak, Alaska, the Ceremony for the Settlement of the Eight Stages was held. The ceremony signifies the completion of all eight stages of both the vertical and horizontal courses of indemnity. The vertical being the servant of servants, servant, stepchild, illegitimate child, legitimate

child, mother, father and God. The horizontal being the individual, family, tribe, people, nation, world, cosmos and God. On the basis of this ceremony, the following day, True Parents declared the "ideology centered on the Heavenly Father" at the same place. (Materials provided by the FFWPU History Compilation Committee)



**Opening of the Takarazuka Training Center, Japan  
September 3, 1967, Hyōgo Prefecture, Japan**

On September 3, 1967, the Takarazuka Training Center in Hyōgo Prefecture, Japan opened. To build the training center, members had offered devotion by conducting a Mt. Fuji climbing tournament a year earlier. A month before the training center opened, on August 7, True Parents visited Takarazuka, holy salted the building and declared the site a holy ground. The Takarazuka Training Center is currently used to hold workshops for second-generation members in the Kansai area and for witnessing contacts. (Materials provided by the FFWPU History Compilation Committee)



**The Unification Theological School's First Graduation  
September 4, 1979, Seoul**

On September 4, 1979, the Unification Theological School held its first graduation at the old church headquarters. In attendance were around 600 people. Two students from the Department of Theology and 174 students from the Department of Divinity graduated. At this ceremony, the principal of the school exhorted the graduates to be shepherds that do not neglect to further explore the truth. The Unification Theology School is the birthplace for young pastors who then go on to the Sun Moon University Theological Department.

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