

Gerhard Peemoeller's new book *Fishing with Our Father*

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Unificationist Gerhard Peemoeller, recounts in his second book, Fishing with Our Father, his experiences on the ocean with Rev. Sun Myung Moon, his mission as a commercial fisherman and the passing of the baton of his passion onto the next generation.

Reaction from friends and family wanting to read his adventures fishing together with Rev. Moon prompted Gerhard Peemoeller to write a follow-up book to his first book, Body Guard for Christ, which recalled his experience as a part of Rev. Moon's security team.

Peemoeller's book, filled with extraordinary accounts of fishing adventures together with Rev. Moon, also contains his explanations on the purpose of his mission to follow Rev. Moon's assignment to work on Ocean Church, as well as his reflections about the gravitating path of his progeny towards his and Rev. Moon's love for the ocean.

The following is an excerpt from a chapter titled "Fishing around the Virginia Capes" from the book Fishing with Our Father by Gerhard Peemoeller.

Fishing with our Father, published in 2012, by Gerhard Peemoeller recounts his experience on the ocean with Rev. Moon, known by Unificationists as True Father.



"I came into contact with the ocean in 1975 for fishing, but I never liked the idea of making my living off the ocean in any form of fishing. For seven whole years I worked on the ocean, because I had to, but now it was my desire to do so. In 1985, I got the Sea Hope [fishing boat], and my family lived off the water ever since, using that boat. It took the Messiah, yelling and screaming at the top of his lungs for me to fulfill my destiny. After seven years I finally did the work of my own free will. When I was younger, I had a vision, where God made me realize that He wanted to be a body guard for Christ, [the Rev. Sun Myung Moon]. I fulfilled that mission to the best of my ability. During that time I had the opportunity to go to sea many times and became a pretty good fisherman. I am a fisherman, because Father himself has assigned me to do just that."

"After the turn of the millennium, I myself heard Father say during speeches he gave in Washington D.C. ... that he has fulfilled his mission, the mission Jesus asked him to do, referring to the completed mission of the Lord of the Second Advent. I heard him say that he is the Messiah in his return, the Second Coming of Jesus Christ. In that position he decided , that I should make my living off the ocean and do the work of Ocean Church [since its founding on October 1, 1980], and I have done my best to fulfill that mission.

"I would like to also mention one phenomenon concerning a mission. A mission does not only pertain to the work of a person here on this earth plane, but stays with his descendants, once that person [dies and] goes to Spirit World. When Father talked about Ocean Church, he gave many directions. Once he talked to me directly and said, "Gerhard, since you are in Norfolk, [Virigina] you have to bring in one admiral." I found out that the American Navy has only 12 admirals. How in the world would I be able to get into contact with one of those admirals and bring him to the Unification Church? Once I talked to one of my neighbors who was an officer in the Navy and asked him for some endorsement. He became rather stern and said that he works for the United States Navy and as such cannot endorse anybody but has to stay absolutely neutral. I realized then that it would be rather difficult to get an active admiral to support the Unification Church...but in reality, this was not the case. I remember when my oldest son was about to enter college, and we were looking for a suitable college for him. At that time I only said one prayer to God, asking Him to let my son go to that college, which God had in mind. Soon, an offer came from the Naval Academy, which he accepted. After he graduated as an officer in the U.S. Navy, he changed directions and decided to make his living in a different way. I asked him, "If you would have stayed in the Navy, what would have happened?" He said, "I would have ended up being an admiral." I thought to myself, 'Wow, this was God's idea, aha.' The mission of bringing an admiral to the church would have passed on to my son.

"Another son of mine went to the Merchant Marine Academy in Kingspoint, Long Island. After his graduation, he worked as an engineer on large ships, cargo vessels, car carriers and other big ships of the military sea-lift command. I remember Father speaking to us about big cargo ships and how to prevent war through their use. He told us, if we run ships with a cargo of weapons destined to crisis areas, we should let these ships disappear for a period of several months, until the danger of war passed, thus preventing bloodshed.

"Many times Father talked about catching tuna and letting them spawn, protecting the young and then releasing them. My youngest son studied Marine Biology, and he talks about protecting the young fish, raising them and releasing them. I never told him about Father's ideas in regard to this endeavor. He pondered this possibility by himself, or did God tell him? Father also said that there will come a time when the ocean is overfished, and when we will need fish farms. That exactly is on the mind of my youngest son. All these aspects were discussed in lectures for Ocean Church and it basically became my mission. As I am getting older and it is getting more difficult for me to accomplish all those things, the mission is passed on to the second generation of Peemoellers. What an interesting situation. You cannot run away from your mission, it will stay with you always." (136-138)



Gerhard Peemoeller was blessed in 1977 in the 74-couple Blessing to his Japanese wife, Nobuko. They now have seven children and live in Virginia Beach. After completing his bodyguard mission, Gerhard went on to work as a security staff member at the New Yorker Hotel in Manhattan and later became involved in Ocean Church and commercial fishing, which he continues to do.