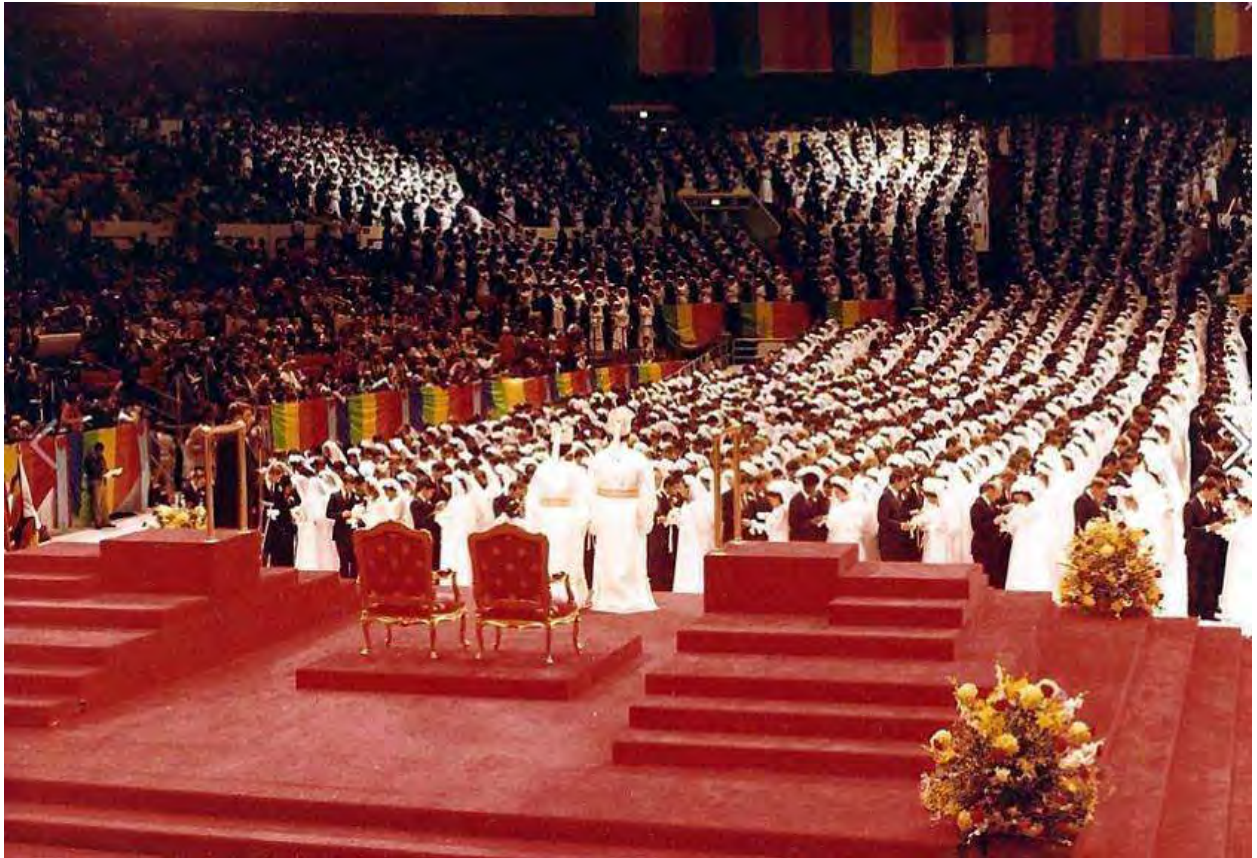


FFWPU USA: Happy Anniversary to the 2,075 Couples blessed on July 1, 1982

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Happy 41st anniversary to all the couples who participated in the 2,075 Couples Holy Blessing on July 1, 1982! A large percentage of American Unificationists participated in this record-setting Marriage Blessing officiated by True Parents at Madison Square Garden in New York.



This Blessing eclipsed the previous record of 1,800 couples wed by True Parents in 1975, which the Guinness World Records reference book recorded as the largest mass wedding in history. Engagement ceremonies of 705 couples in May 1979, 843 couples in December 1980, and 653 couples in June 1982 all led up to the ceremony. More than 60% of the couples were either interracial or cross-cultural and, with this Marriage Blessing, the U.S. church demographics went from primarily single people to married people virtually overnight.

Congratulations to the 2,075 couples worldwide celebrating their anniversary!