

Principle is a universal message promoting world-wide brotherhood.

**Religious Education:** The Unification Church regularly conducts advanced educational programs of various depth and duration for its members. In addition, the Church inaugurated the *Unification Theological Seminary* in Barrytown, New York in 1975. It offers a Masters in Religious Education graduate program and has a current enrollment of 110 students. Also, the Unification Church has purchased property with the goal of building a university.

**Performing Arts:** The Church has created five performing arts groups of considerable talent and accomplishment: *The New Hope Singers International*; the *Korean Folk Ballet*; *Sunburst*, a folk-rock group; the *Voices of Freedom*, a gospel singing group; and the *Go-World Brass Band*. The Church believes that cultural programs are a vital way to communicate the ideals of the Kingdom of Heaven on earth.

**Other Programs:** The *America the Beautiful* program has been established in certain major cities to inspire local communities to work together to clean up their neighborhoods. Church members usually go out to sweep streets and sidewalks early every morning, often with participation by local residents. The *War on Pornography* program has been begun in various cities to arouse public opinion against pornographic establishments that have increased everywhere, posing a real danger to the welfare of the local community, especially young people. *The D.C. Striders* are a highly accomplished track club made up primarily of inner-city youth from around the country. Hundreds of these otherwise disadvantaged youth have received college scholarships totaling millions of dollars and some have even gone on to win world records and Olympic medals. The Unification Church also issues grants to the International Cultural Foundation, Inc., for the purpose of holding its annual *International Conference on the Unity of the Sciences*. In November 1976, 600 scholars and scientists from 53 nations participated in the academic conference in order to discuss science and values.



*The International One World Crusade.*



## The Unification Church of America



## THE UNIFICATION CHURCH

The Unification Church was founded in Seoul, Korea, in 1954 by the Reverend Sun Myung Moon. It has since grown to over 2 million members in more than 120 countries, with over 30,000 members in the United States and local congregations in every state.

The Unification Church is based on a revelation from God given through Reverend Moon to prepare the world for the return of Christ. The sole purpose of the Unification Church is to bear witness to this revelation and to lay a foundation for the Kingdom of God on earth. Therefore, we do not seek to be just another denomination, but rather to act as a catalyst to promote unity among all races, creeds and nationalities.

The essential doctrine of the Church is called the *Divine Principle*. It teaches that God originally intended an ideal world of creation, but because of the fall of the first human ancestors this world has never been realized. History is consequently viewed as a restoration process to realize the world of God's original desire, the Kingdom of God on earth. The present time is seen as one of the most crucial in man's history, one where we must look for God's intervention in human affairs to help us solve the global crises we face.



A typical Divine Principle lecture

## REACHING AMERICAN YOUTH

In the United States, the majority of Church members are young people in their twenties, although people of all ages are welcome. The reason the Church has been highly attractive to idealistic, well-educated youth is because they

## YOUNG AMERICANS:

A meaningful spiritual life brought them a positive new attitude and lifestyle



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have found that the Church's understanding of God and man satisfies their spiritual hunger and is a practical way of life toward building a better world. The Unification Church is helping to reintroduce belief in God for so many young people who otherwise have not been able to find a meaningful spiritual life. For the typical Unification Church member, his joining this movement signified a marked transformation of his attitudes and lifestyle into one where he can be recognized as a wholesome, enthusiastic youth, seeking the greater purpose of serving the community, nation and world.

Most of these young people first encountered the Unification Church by attending a lecture on the Divine Principle and later, a weekend in-depth seminar, regularly sponsored at each church. Usually through the experience of hearing the Divine Principle taught as well as seeing it practiced by Church members at the seminar, thousands of American young people have come to find answers to life's fundamental questions and new hope for themselves and the world.

The hope of our nation rests with our young people. Today, with America facing so many serious troubles, our youth need to be given the spiritual and moral guidance that will enable them to be the leaders of tomorrow. In its daily work, the Unification Church is bringing a spiritual revolution to America's youth, so that we all can see a new future for our nation and mankind.

## ACTIVITIES & PROGRAMS

**Evangelism:** The Unification Church is constantly endeavoring to spread its message through a wide variety of programs and activities. On the local level, all Church congregations hold a regular schedule of lectures and two or three-day seminars in which the Divine Principle is taught. Other activities include: the *International One World Crusade*, made up of mobile teams of young people from America, Asia and Europe who travel to major cities throughout the country, appearing in the media, holding rallies and giving lectures to reawaken the spirit of public service, self-sacrifice and belief in God. The *Bicentennial God Bless America Festival* was held twice in 1976, at New York's Yankee Stadium in June and at the Washington Monument in September, to urge



The Unification Theological Seminary

Americans to embrace God and participate in a New American Revolution, or spiritual revolution, during our Bicentennial.

**Foreign Representatives:** The Unification Church also supports overseas activities in nearly 100 countries with the conviction that the Divine