

Day of Hope Participants Honored at Leader's Conference in Portland, Oregon

Neil Salonen
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At the national conference in Portland, Oregon the National Staff presented the statistics from the first 28 cities of the 32-city Day of Hope tour. Of the seven International One World Crusade teams who participated in the preparations for the campaign, Team 7, led by Mr. and Mrs. Reiner Vincenz, achieved the greatest success in terms of number of guests attending the speeches and banquets, number of a new members brought to the local center, and success in fundraising to meet tour expenses. An extremely close second was Team 1, led by Mr. and Mrs. Paul Werner. Team 6, led by Mr. Teddy Verheyen, came in third.

According to individual categories, Mr. Werner's and Dr. Verheyen's teams brought the most to the speeches; Dr. Sheftick's and Mr. Cordill's brought the most new members; and Mr. Werner's and Mr. Vincenz' teams were the most successful in fund-raising. The three top teams will receive certificates from National Headquarters.

Unification Church President Neil Salonen traveled with the Day of Hope tour, introducing each speech and banquet. "I wouldn't have traded this experience for anything else," he told the church leaders at the conference. "It has been the most inspiring thing that could have possibly happened in this stage of our growth. I have to really pay my own personal, deepest gratitude to Reverend Moon." In addition to coordinating the entire program and traveling to a new city and state every other day for two months, Mr. Salonen continued to fulfill his responsibilities as Unification Church president.

Mr. Salonen reported that Reverend Moon was very impressed by his visit to each state, and felt in each state a unique element and importance. "Be proud that you participated in the history of 1974," he told the IOWC teams and church members. "Your name, your footprint shall remain along with the heavenly dispensation."

Reverend Moon also announced plans to build a shrine to the Day of Hope campaign in America (1972-1974). In the shrine will be inscribed the names of all the participants in the three-year campaign, as well as photographs, publications, proclamations, and all the publicity of the Day of Hope.