

## **Frontier '78: Statement of Purpose**

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At a National Unification Church Conference of State Directors on January 1, 1978, Reverend Sun Myung Moon spoke seriously about the need for a strong common effort by the religious community to spark moral and spiritual rebirth in America, at a time of crisis. A new program, Frontier '78, has sent leaders of the church on a national tour to explain our concerns, and appeal for help from civic and religious leaders, as well as the public. The following is a statement of the purpose of Frontier '78:

America's history has been essentially based on a widely shared commitment to Judeo-Christian belief. Now, however, many no longer find the values of the past an adequate guide for modern life. Yet, now common values have not emerged to replace the old. Consequently, many individuals no longer know where to turn, social problems seem insoluble, and the nation has lost its sense of direction.

The crisis of America -- of the individual, the society and the nation - is a crisis of spirit; it is a crisis of hope, will and the understanding to choose the right direction.

Certain questions are fundamental: "How should I live my life?" "What kind of society do I want my children to grow up in?" "What role should America play in the world?"

The teachings of the Reverend Sun Myung Moon, founder of the Unification Church, speak to these questions, and to America's crisis of spirit.

What are the most serious problems in America today? Reverend Moon has identified three: the decline of morals; the decline of religious faith; and the rise of Communism.

### **Decline of Moral Values:**

Promiscuity, pornography, marital infidelity, drug abuse, homosexuality, corruption and crime: these are the visible signs of America's moral confusion, a problem of the young and old alike. In place of the family and traditional values, concepts of "free love" and license dominate the thinking of many. A way of life based on such a self-centered philosophy is doomed to disappointment.

As the Book of Proverbs says, "Where there is no vision, the people perish." (Proverbs 29:18) Where can we turn for this vision but back to God?

Our goal should be to replace the contemporary obsession with self-seeking by a commitment to higher ideals.

*Any individual who sacrifices for his family will become the lord of his family. Anyone who is willing to sacrifice for his society will become its leader. Those who are willing to sacrifice in order to save their nation will be the leading group of that nation. Any nation which sacrifices and serves the world will lead the world.*

Rev. Sun Myung Moon  
A Prophet Speaks Today (p. 42)  
New York, 1975

*The family, nation and world are the cumulative form of individuals. Our conclusion is that only if individuals are good, can the society be good. The family is the fundamental unit of society. If you cannot find the ideal in your homes, you can never create a society or nation which is ideal.*

Rev. Sun Myung Moon  
A Prophet Speaks Today (p. 65)  
New York, 1975

### **Decline of Religious Faith:**

The church has always been at the very center of American society and the problems of today's society can be traced to the decline of the influence of religion in American life.

The Unification Church sees itself as a catalyst to inspire all denominations to work together to revitalize the spirit of the American churches and restore hope in the American community. Reverend Moon calls upon members of the Unification Church to serve other churches and the community as the only way to fulfill God's expectations of us.

*Our movement is not to sacrifice the individual, family, tribe or nation for the benefit of the Unification Church, but to sacrifice ourselves for the benefit of the whole nation and other churches.*

Rev. Sun Myung Moon  
From a speech on December 11, 1971

Church attendance has declined precipitously to 40% of the American public from its mid-50's high of 70%, according to a recent Gallup Poll published in the Yearbook of American Churches. But Sunday church attendance and large congregations are not themselves true measures of religious faith.

Our goal must be...

*... to bring God back home. We must have churches filled with fiery faith; we must create new homes, where our families can be really happy, and we must finally create a new society; a new spiritual nation where God can dwell.*

Rev. Sun Myung Moon  
"God's Hope for America"  
Washington, D.C.  
October 21, 1973

### **The Rise of Communism:**

As our people have lost their sense of direction our national leadership has foundered. America's defeat in Vietnam and the crisis of the Watergate are only the more obvious examples of this phenomena.

The Unification Church believes that America is in a unique position to serve God as a nation by promoting world peace, prosperity and freedom.

*In America you must not think that you have such great wealth because you yourself are great. The blessing of God came so that God could use this nation as His instrument to save the world. Unless the leadership of this nation lives up to the mission ordained by God, many troubles will plague it.*

Rev. Sun Myung Moon  
A Prophet Speaks Today (p. 101)  
1975

One of the greatest obstacles to the realization of God's will is Communism. Religious leaders should be in the forefront of the struggle against Communism.

*The most vicious problem of all is Communism. Because Communism is a God-denying ideology the churches who believe in God should spearhead the movement for victory over Communism.*

Rev. Sun Myung Moon  
House Caucus Room  
United States Congress  
December 18, 1975

*In practice, in hope and in ideals we must exceed the communists.*

Rev. Sun Myung Moon  
A Prophet Speaks Today (p. 114)

## **Frontier '78**

Before we can go forward, we need to know what purpose God is calling us to, the vision God has for America and for each one of us. Reverend Moon is calling America to rebirth not just to return to old beliefs and values, but to pioneer new spiritual frontiers.

Frontier '78 is our campaign to give to others the vision of hope and the inspiration which we, the members of the Unification Church, have received from Reverend Moon. Many had previously seen their friends or even family members destroyed by alcohol or drug abuse. The daily news testifies to America's desperate need for new hope and inspiration. Can anyone confidently deny that Reverend Moon's message may be just what we need?

Just as Jesus Christ was misjudged by his contemporaries 2,000 years ago, accused of breaking the law when he said he had come in "fulfillment of the law," so many contemporaries of Reverend Moon may tragically misjudge him. We who know the truth about Reverend Moon, who for five or ten years have worked with him as members of his Church, have a responsibility to speak out.

Reverend Moon came here from Korea, not able to speak the language, unsure of the reception he would receive, because he knew the importance of America in God's plan to restore the world. Who else is working as hard to save America? What are the churches and governments doing to restore respect for moral decency? The faces of our cities are disfigured by pornography, which is multiplying and spreading like fungus. What are our churches and government doing to restore love to families as people turn away from marital fidelity and responsibility in the name of a "new morality".

For hundreds of years people the world over associated America with the word frontier. Colonialists came from the Old World to settle the new American frontier. Pioneers pushed the boundary of the frontier further and further back, from the Massachusetts Bay Colony to the shore of the Pacific Ocean.

America has been known as a pioneer of other frontiers too. In 1776 the frontier was representative government; in 1865 it was Civil Rights; in 1930, economic opportunity. The innovative and creative genius of the American people has contributed immeasurably to the pushing back of the frontiers of human knowledge too.

The greatest frontier of all remains to be explored and conquered -- the frontier of human brotherhood, a frontier of the spirit. Frontier 78 marks the beginning of a new pioneering era in American history. This is our task.