

Rally for Rev. Sun Myung Moon's 2nd Memorial Anniversary in New York City

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[Kyunghang Shinmun] 40th Anniversary Celebration of the Family Federation's World Mission

*About 3,000 attendees from different fields...Keynote address by Yeon Ah Moon
Rev. Sun Myung Moon's 2nd Memorial Anniversary also Commemorated*

The Family Federation for World Peace and Unification (Unification Church, hereafter Family Federation) held a commemorative ceremony for the 2nd anniversary since Rev. Sun Myung Moon's ascension. The three-hour ceremony was held at the Manhattan Center in New York at 10:00 AM on the 20th, and was attended by about 3,000 people, including current political and religious leaders, as well as cultural representatives. "We prepared this event to celebrate the work and mission of Rev. Sun Myung Moon, who focused so much of his peace movements in America during his lifetime," the Family Federation revealed. The 2nd Anniversary of Rev. Moon's ascension was held by the Family Federation last month on the 12th at the Cheong Shim Peace World Center in Gapyeong-gun, Gyeonggi-do in Korea.



This event marks 40 years since Rev. Moon spoke at Madison Square Garden in 1974. On that day, September 18th, 1974, he spoke before a crowd of 30,000 people about the direction that America must move towards in the future. In 1965, he held a speaking tour in 40 countries worldwide (including America), and in 1969 he carried out another 21-nation tour around the world. The rally he held in America in 1974 is regarded to be the official starting point of his mission work in the United States. In his welcoming address, Family Federation North American Continental Director Ki-Hoon Kim shared about Rev. Moon's work. "In over 360 public speeches and lectures that he gave during his life, Rev. Moon has spread a message to America of both warning and hope—that America is God's hope. He especially gave young people a vision of a new way of living." The Family Federation currently has mission headquarters in 194 countries around the world...

[Seoul Economics Newspaper] Speaking about the Unification Church's its 60th Anniversary

Grand Rally in New York Commemorating Two Years since Rev. Moon's Ascension Draws Crowd of 2,000 Devotees...Seeking to Expand Number of Young Followers.

With just over 100,000 members, the New York World Mission Seeks to Secure Bridgehead for Evangelism.

"We will pour our hearts into education as we did in the early days of witnessing."



The Family Federation for World Peace and Unification (Unification Church) celebrates its 60th anniversary this year. According to the Unification Church, they have 300,000 followers in Korea and 3,000,000 followers worldwide. The church also manages 13 companies in Korea, including Ilhwa and the Yongpyong Resort, and holds the unique role of a financially successful religious order, with assets worth one trillion, 700 billion won. However, their public reputation still holds controversy. The Unification Church insists that they are “a denomination with teachings based on the Bible,” yet Rev. Moon’s claims that he is the Messiah, the Second Coming of Jesus, have caused him to be ruled out as a heretic by Christians. They have also further perpetuated their controversial image through their unparalleled large-scale international weddings, as well as legal disputes within the organization. We look back on the situation of the Unification Church, which experienced severe changes since Rev. Moon’s passing in September of 2012.

Commemorative Ceremony of Rev. Moon’s 2nd Memorial Anniversary in New York

The Family Federation for World Peace and Unification (Unification Church, hereafter Family Federation) held a commemorative ceremony for the 2nd anniversary of Rev. Sun Myung Moon’s ascension on the 20th at the Manhattan Center in New York City. This event marks 40 years since Rev. Moon’s historical Madison Square Garden speech in 1974. About 3,000 people, including current political leaders, religious and cultural representatives and Unification Church members, gathered to celebrate Rev. Moon’s life work in America.

“My husband (Rev. Moon) said that God had called him to play the role of a doctor, and sometimes even a firefighter... We have visited almost every nation in the world to spread God’s message. Sometimes it seemed like he was spending his entire life inside of airplanes and on top of stages.”

Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon, who recalls the days of mission work as such, was unable to attend the event, so her daughter in law, Women’s Federation for World Peace World President Yeon Ah Moon, gave the keynote address in her place. The audience welcomed her words with warm applause, scattered with cheers of “Amen, Aju!” (A word unique to the Unification Church, meaning “I am the owner”).

“The rally in Madison Square Garden became the impetus which made it possible for us to establish chapters of our church in all 50 U.S. states. This event is a chance for us to ponder once more on Rev. Moon’s accomplishments, and for Korean and American members to get to know one another,” said Unification Church Korean President Kyeong-Seuk Lu.

Seeking to Attain Young Members through Education and Investment

The Unification Church currently has its strongest following in Japan, with about 600,000 followers. On the other hand, America only has just over 100,000 members. Compared to its following of 3,000,000 members worldwide, America can be seen to be rather weak in terms of numbers. However, this does not seem to apply to New York. It is here that a new bridgehead for world evangelism is being established, and it is here that the Unification Church as declared that a new era is being established, a ‘new

beginning...’

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The ceremony began with praise music, followed by prayers by religious representatives and a welcoming addresses by Family Federation leaders. There was then a video shown of Rev. Moon’s life and accomplishments, followed by testimonies, commemorative performances and a declaration of a code of conduct...

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Ceremony Commemorating Rev. Moon’s 2nd Memorial Anniversary held in New York City



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About 2,500 people, including political and religious leaders, gathered to attend the event.

Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon, whose speech was delivered by Women's Federation for World Peace World President Yeon Ah Moon, said that, "Ever since my husband and I arrived on American soil in 1971, we have worked hard to awaken the spiritual and moral senses of America through our public movements."

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