

Raleigh

The Rev. Sun Myung Moon flew into Raleigh from Charleston, W. Va., Wednesday for a two-day visit that began with a banquet in his honor and will culminate with an address on his theology.

The visit is part of a 32-city "Day of Hope Tour" across the United States.

Moon, a 53-year-old Korean evangelist who founded the Unification Church 20 years ago, will speak at 8 p.m. today in the Governor's Room of the Sheraton Crabtree Motor Inn outside Raleigh. Using a translator, he will discuss his interpretations of prophecy and promises in the Bible.

Wednesday evening Moon was honored at a banquet that included the presentation of a key to the City of Raleigh and the reading of a proclamation in his honor from Gov. James E. Holshouser Jr.

Doctrinally, according to the president of the United States branch of the Unification Church, Moon's teachings would be described as "enlightened Christianity."

Moon is concerned, President Neil Salonen said in an interview Wednesday, with the brotherhood of all mankind.

"Our goal is not to make a new denomination, but to catalyze a new movement — unification," Salonen said. Some people, he explained, will be called to work within the churches they already attend. Others will be called to the Unification Church. The new movement is aimed at both believers and non-believers.

Their aim now, he said, is "transcending,



not breaking down (cultural and religious) barriers" by realizing that each culture has realized only a part of the "absolute and eternal" truth. But Salonen concedes that eventually, all distinctions should fade.

Moon, who claims that Jesus Christ appeared to him on Easter morning when he was 16 years old, has preached for many years in Korea. He has suffered religious persecution, first from the Japanese and

later from the North Korean Communists. He was born in a town that now is in North Korea.

Recently, Moon has taken the United States as the main focus of his mission, and has received some criticism for that action.

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Raleigh, North Carolina
March 6, 1974

The News and Observer

Raleigh, N. C., Thursday, March 7, 1974

Korean Minister: U. S. Must Lead

By ERNIE WOOD
Staff Writer

The Rev. Sun Myung Moon, a Korean evangelist, expounded a unique theology here Wednesday night designed to teach Christians how to avoid missing the second coming of Christ.

Speaking to about 150 people gathered at the Sheraton Crabtree Motor Inn, Moon drew parallels between today and 2,000 years ago, when Jesus lived and was crucified. He warned the world not to make the same mistakes the Israeli nation made then.

Moon spoke in Raleigh Wednesday as part of a 32-city speaking tour he is conducting in the United States. Though Korean, he believes the salvation of the world must begin with saving the United States,

which he says is the most powerful Christian country.

His two-hour message was delivered with the help of a translator and was attended by a group of his followers and local people.

Standing flanked by the American and Korean flags, Moon gestured freely as he spoke. Two uniformed Raleigh policemen attended for security.

Crucifixion was not God's plan for Jesus, said Moon. He called it a "secondary mission."

Jesus was to have established both a spiritual and physical kingdom on earth, he said. If Jesus had brought the message at that time, no Christianity today would have been necessary. "We would have all been born into perfection," he said.

But God's plan was foiled, Moon said, but the failure of man to recognize Jesus as the messiah. And, unleashing what he called a theological "bombshell," Moon said John the Baptist was to blame in that failure.

The chosen people, according to Moon, were tied to the letter of the Old Testament, which called for the prophet Elijah to return with the messiah. John the Baptist refused to be identified as Elijah, however, Moon said, and people wouldn't believe Jesus.

"If John the Baptist and his followers had united with God, there would have been no crucifixion because He would have let people know," Moon said.



Sun Myung Moon, left, and his translator

THE RALEIGH TIMES

Raleigh, North Carolina, Thursday Afternoon March 7, 1974

Korean evangelist warns audience of Second Coming

By JAN JOHNSON
Times staff writer

There is hope for America in the Second Coming of Jesus Christ, Rev. Sun Myung Moon, founder and leader of the Unification Church International, told a rally here Wednesday.

But Americans must not reject Him as the Israelis did 2,000 years ago, the Korean evangelist cautioned.

Moon spoke Wednesday night at the Sheraton Crabtree Inn. His Raleigh visit was one stop on a 32-city tour of the United States.

His message of "A New Future for Christianity" lasted two hours, drawn out because he spoke through an interpreter.

About 150 persons attended the lecture. About 50 were members of Moon's International One-World Crusade.

Moon's followers wore red and white streamers proclaiming "New Hope for America," handed out literature and sold copies of his books.

Moon prefaced his remarks by saying he would tell the audience something new — something he learned through revelations. He claims to have spent nine years talking directly to Jesus Christ and other Biblical figures.

Moon's "bombshell announcement" was that John the Baptist "failed as a prophet of God. This is the first time you hear he is not the greatest of all. He was a failure in the sight of God," the evangelist said, waving his arms and pounding his fist on the lectern.

"It (the revelation) is not my own doing. I merely obeyed the instructions given to me. . . God asked me to share and give it to the world," Moon

said through his interpreter.

Moon also blamed John the Baptist for the crucifixion of Jesus Christ. "Jesus Christ said John the Baptist was Elijah, but he (John) didn't acknowledge it," Moon said.

Elijah was supposed to appear before Jesus Christ, but when John refused to be Elijah, the people didn't believe Jesus, Moon said.

"The people were tied to the letter of the Old Testament and didn't see the spirit behind the letter. They waited for physical evidence of Elijah," Moon said.

Several times Moon and his interpreter, both reading from a script, interrupted or cut the other off.

Moon warned that "the great and terrible day of the Lord surely is at hand. The world today needs salvation . . . and restoration. Satan is the

master of the world and not God."

The New Testament offers "dual prophecies for the Second Advent. Jesus will come in clouds from Heaven and like a thief in the night," Moon said.

To keep Americans from making the same mistake that was made 2,000 years ago, Moon advised them to accept both prophecies.

"There's danger if you accept only one. God promised the Second Coming would fulfill the mission left undone by Jesus Christ: to organize a God-centered family," Moon said. "If Jesus Christ hadn't been crucified.

He said the Second Coming would be the third Adam, "a true parent and forefather of mankind."



Rev. Sun Myung Moon gestures at audience at Sheraton Crabtree Inn
he claims to have spent nine years talking directly to Jesus Christ

State of North Carolina

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT



GOVERNOR JAMES E. HOLSHOUSER, JR.

WHEREAS, for all North Carolinians and Americans these are troubled times marked by the need for personal sacrifice on the part of each and everyone of us; and

WHEREAS, these sacrifices mean that we must relinquish many of the material luxuries of life but we are still left with a greater life asset--the feeling of love and brotherhood among men; and

WHEREAS, this period of crisis is for us a perfect opportunity to make this bond even stronger so that we may more easily cope with our troubles as well as enjoy the fruits of friendship and a united citizenry;

THEREFORE, as a reminder to all Tar Heels of the benefits even sad times may bring to us, I proclaim Monday, January 14, 1974

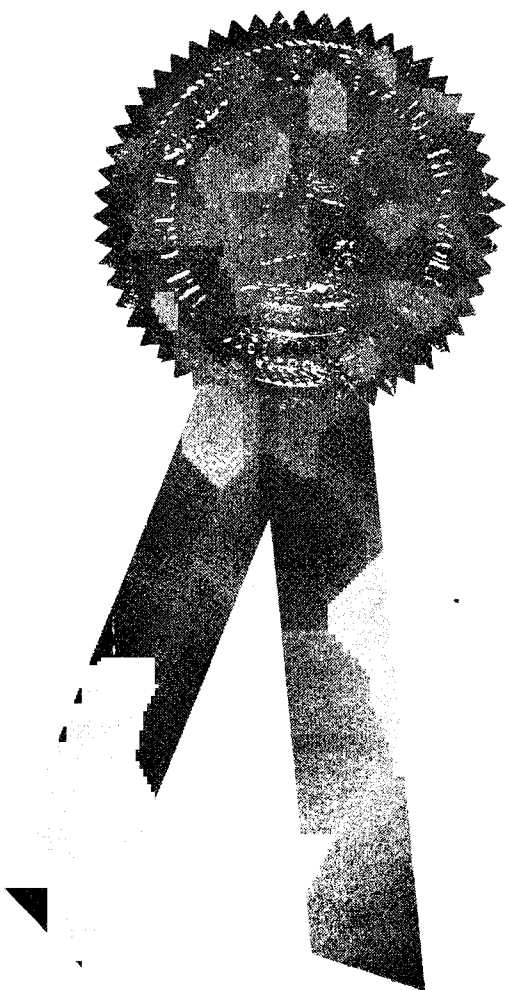
BROTHERHOOD AND UNITY DAY IN NORTH CAROLINA

and commend this observance to our citizens.

By the Governor:

James E. Holshouser, Jr.

Raleigh, North Carolina
January 11, 1974





City Of Raleigh
North Carolina

JACK B. KEETER
MAYOR PRO TEM

GREETINGS TO THE PASTOR, MEMBERS AND FRIENDS
OF THE UNIFICATION CHURCH
1974 DAY OF HOPE

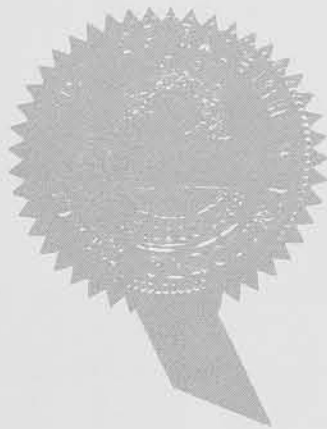
I am pleased to take this opportunity to extend greetings and congratulations to the pastor, members and friends of the Unification Church on the occasion of the Celebration of your 1974 DAY OF HOPE, being held March 5, 1974.

Your church is making a valuable contribution in the City of Raleigh and we commend you on your efforts to bring about a world of brotherhood and unity under God. The growth and steady progress of the Unification Church and your significant future plans combine to constitute a source of inspiration for all of us.

I extend to all of you my best wishes and trust that you will have a most rewarding and enjoyable 1974 DAY OF HOPE.

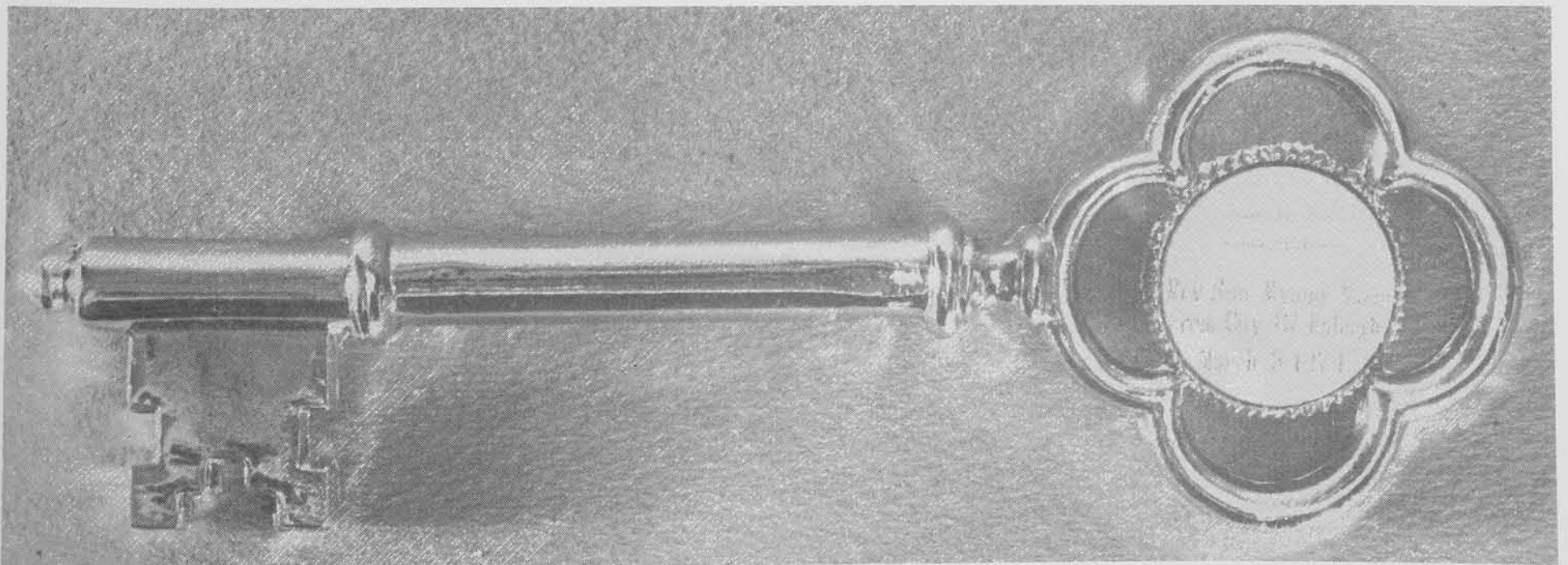
Sincerely yours,

Jack B. Keeter
Mayor Pro Tem



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below: Key to the City of Raleigh presented to Our Master on March 6, 1974.





City Of Raleigh
North Carolina

MIRIAM P. BLOCK
COUNCILWOMAN

GREETINGS TO THE PASTOR, MEMBERS & FRIENDS

OF THE UNIFICATION CHURCH

1974 DAY OF HOPE

The City Council of Raleigh, North Carolina is pleased to extend greetings and congratulations to the pastor, members, and friends of the Unification Church on the occasion of the celebration of your 1974 DAY OF HOPE being held in Raleigh, North Carolina, March 5, 1974.

All of us, as citizens of the world, hope for the day in which no tyranny will exist and when all men will call each other brothers. We all hope that an era of peace is at hand. Our common goal is freedom for all people.

Your efforts to further these goals are to be commended.

The residents of the City of Raleigh join us in extending our best wishes for a rewarding and enjoyable DAY OF HOPE.

Sincerely yours,

Miriam P. Block

Miriam P. Block
Member
Raleigh City Council



Columbia

A Korean evangelist, the Rev. Sun Myung Moon, will speak in Columbia at 8 p.m. today at the Hilton Town House Inn.

The founder of the Holy Spirit Association for the Unification of World Christianity, commonly known as the Unification Church, is on a 32-city tour of the United States.

He is accompanied by the International New Hope Singers.

Spoken of by his followers as the Follower [sic.] of Universe and a new reincarnation of Jesus Christ, the evangelist is a former electrical engineer, now a millionaire, who has holdings in various enterprises ranging from ginseng tea, air rifles, titanium production and pharmaceuticals.

— *The State*

Columbia, South Carolina

March 8, 1974





State of South Carolina

JOHN C. WEST
GOVERNOR

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
COLUMBIA 29211

STATEMENT BY GOVERNOR JOHN WEST ON HOPE AND UNIFICATION

Regardless of our religious affiliation or faith, we must all agree that the world is in great need of hope and unity among men of all nations.

The State of South Carolina has constantly tried to maintain its tradition of unity and its motto of "breaths of hope." Perhaps with this in mind, the understanding for all mankind can become more firmly established.

During these times of increasing conflict and dissent, we must continue to reassure ourselves and our fellowmen of the faith that exists between us in an effort to overcome these conflicts.

I encourage the citizens of the State of South Carolina to recognize the month of March, 1974, as the month of

HOPE AND UNIFICATION


John C. West

JCW:sg
March 5, 1974

City of Columbia



THE Mayor and City Council of Columbia, South Carolina, do hereby award this certificate to

Rev. Sun Myung Moon

WHO is cognizant of the fact that Columbia is the finest City in the entire United States, and

WHO realizes that even though he does not reside in the Capital City, knows he must visit our great community as much as possible in order to appreciate a taste of the good life; and

WHO spreads the word in his home community that Columbia is matched by no other City in the world in its beauty, hospitality and friendly spirit;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, John T. Campbell, Mayor of the City of Columbia, South Carolina, do hereby grant the above mentioned visitor the title of

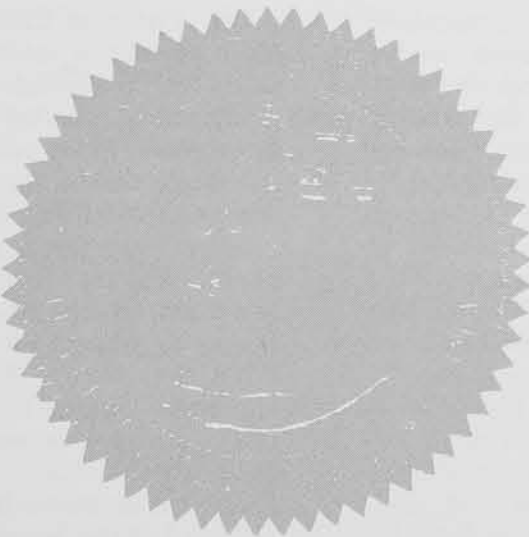
HONORARY COLUMBIA CITIZEN

and do urge all my fellow citizens to afford him every honor and privilege attached thereto.

Given under the seal
of the City of Columbia by

John T. Campbell
Mayor

January 7, 1974
Date



Birmingham

Rev. Sun Myung Moon, founder of the Unification Church, speaks at Birmingham's Hyatt House at 8 p.m. March 10 as part of his third tour through the United States.

Birmingham is one of the 32 cities in which the Korean cleric will lecture on "The New Future of Christianity."

Local Unification Church members are busily preparing for his arrival as part of the 1974 Day of Hope. They are also explaining the beliefs of their church at a series of public lectures at the headquarters at 1600 Cahaba Road tonight and Thursday at 7 p.m.

They are being assisted by a team of 70 "nomads" from nine European and Asian countries as well as from throughout the United States that arrived in Birmingham Monday.

Rev. Moon attracted national attention several months ago in a Watergate Statement, asking Americans to "forgive, love and unite" in prayer for the Watergate crisis.

Local members sponsored a National Prayer and Fast for the Watergate Crisis and a public rally in Woodrow Wilson Park to show support for President Nixon.

—*Birmingham Post-Herald*
Birmingham, Alabama
February 27, 1974

The Rev. Sun Myung Moon of the Unification Church will appear in Birmingham at 8 p.m. March 10 at the Hyatt House as part of his third nationwide tour.

The Korean cleric will visit 32 cities speaking on "The New Future of Christianity." Moon will also be a guest at the 1974 Day of Hope banquet in his honor the evening before. The local Unification Church members are working with the Hyatt House chef to prepare the first Korean dinner for the banquet to which Birmingham community leaders have been invited.

Some 70 "nomads" from nine countries arrived in Birmingham Monday to prepare for Moon's visit.

—*Birmingham Post-Herald*
Birmingham, Alabama
March 9, 1974

Birmingham Post-Herald

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BIRMINGHAM, MONDAY, MARCH 11, 1974



Unification Church leaders discuss their drive to bring all churches together during a meeting in Birmingham. The Rev. Sun Myung Moon

right), founder of the church, talks with Col. Bo Hi Pak (left), his assistant and interpreter, and Gary Fleisher, local leader of the church.

Some 350 persons, including 100 members of the Unification Church gathered Sunday night at the Hyatt House to hear the Rev. Sun Myung Moon, founder of the church, proclaim the special role he feels God has given him in the second coming of Christ.

The Bible, he said, is written in code so that evil anti-Christians will not be able to decipher it and subvert the message. God sends someone to interpret it when interpretation is needed and Moon believes that God sent him to make that interpretation.

The Old Testament, he said, teaches that Elijah must return before the Messiah can come and the Jewish people believed that he would come literally, although, in fact, Moon said he came in the form of John the Baptist.

Again, Moon said, Christians today believe that God will send Christ back to earth in the same physical form which he came the first time. Moon said God has revealed to him that the "Lord of the Second Advent" could come in the same way John the Baptist represented Elijah.

The Christian Church of today, he said, must be like a landing pad preparing the world for the second coming of Christ.

Instead of making a heaven in some far away place, Moon said God will throw Satan out of the earth, destroy the power of evil and make earth into heaven.

Moon was honored Saturday night at a dinner shortly after he arrived in Birmingham on his 30-city tour to encourage people to prepare for Christ's coming.

At the dinner, Moon told guests that Governor George C. Wallace was a man of courage and was well known in Korea as well as in the U.S.

Church members believe that the Messiah or "Lord of the Second Advent" will be born in Korea and he may already be living but not yet revealed in his unique role.

—*Birmingham Post-Herald*
Birmingham, Alabama
March 11, 1974



STATE OF ALABAMA
PROCLAMATION
BY THE GOVERNOR

WHEREAS, all believers should unite in their affirmation of our country's dependence on God and the founding fathers' belief in turning to God at all times; and

WHEREAS, it is the responsibility of all men and women to fulfill our Heavenly Father's will and to forever be bearers of Good Will towards the realization of a world of goodness and happiness; and

WHEREAS, man has been created in the image of God to love and to serve, to uphold truth and beauty, to persevere in sacrifice under duress so that all can live a good life; and

WHEREAS, evils have brought suffering and pain, but divine sweat, tears, and blood have been bravely shed to defeat those evils throughout history; and

WHEREAS, the individual, family, society, nation, world, and universe, who are willing to attend our Heavenly Father, the source of peace, happiness, freedom, and all ideals, will fulfill the purpose of unity between God and man; and

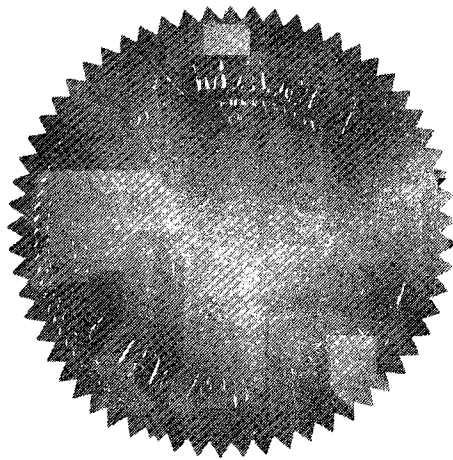
WHEREAS, we are all proud of the one Sovereignty of God, proud of mankind, land, language and culture that is centered upon God, proud of becoming the child and joining the family of God, carrying the tradition of God laid by our forefathers, and proud that we are able to work hard for these blessings; and

WHEREAS, among us in the State of Alabama, March 9th and 10th, 1974, is a man whose life is dedicated to serving God and all mankind, that being Reverend Sun Myung Moon of South Korea, whose message and challenge has inspired hope in millions:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, George C. Wallace, Governor of the State of Alabama, do hereby proclaim March 9th and 10th, 1974, as the beginning of

YEAR OF HOPE AND UNIFICATION

in Alabama.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Alabama to be affixed by the Secretary of State at the Capitol in the City of Montgomery on this 7th day of March, 1974.

George C. Wallace
GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

Mabel S. Amos
SECRETARY OF STATE

City of Birmingham Alabama

P R O C L A M A T I O N

WHEREAS, for over a century the City of Birmingham has been esteemed for its prayerfulness and faith in God; and

WHEREAS, the City of Birmingham is proud of its international and interracial traditions of unity and its beauty, warmth and hospitality thereof; and

WHEREAS, we recognize that God is the center of these traditions of unity and our own lives; and

WHEREAS, we have entered a challenging era in these later days of national and world unrest, but our faith in God anticipates the providence of great religious leaders to call upon and guide responsible citizens to unite in the affirmation of our country's birthright, and of our national dedication and hope, guaranteeing freedom and hope for all men; and

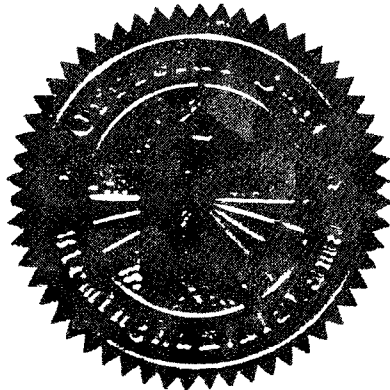
WHEREAS, the Reverend Sun Myung Moon is such a leader who has dedicated his life in message and challenge to increasing the worldwide understanding of hope and unity under God. We of this community do appreciate his contributions to the City of Birmingham, our State, and our Nation; and

WHEREAS, we clearly see the need for Godly hope and unification of all peoples, ideologies, religions, and nations,

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GEORGE G. SEIBELS, JR., Mayor of the City of Birmingham, Alabama do hereby welcome the Reverend Sun Myung Moon of South Korea and proclaim March 9, 1974 as the beginning of the

YEAR OF HOPE AND UNIFICATION

throughout the City of Birmingham.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Birmingham, Alabama to be affixed this the 9th day of March, 1974.

George G. Seibels, Jr.
Mayor

Nashville

The Rev. Sun Myung Moon, who founded the Unification Church, International in Seoul, Korea, in 1954, will bring his "Day of Hope" tour to the Ramada Inn, North, Brick Church Pike at 8 p.m. Tuesday.

Moon, who claims two million followers, including 10,000 in the United States, does not refute claims of some of those followers who claim "he is Christ."

He is also due at a closed banquet, on Monday that will be given by 70 members of the mobile team of the Unification Church, also known as the Holy Spirit Association.

The young persons of nine nationalities have already arrived in Nashville to publicize the coming of their leader.

Two of Moon's booklets, distributed in Nashville this week tell how "Jesus Christ, our Lord honored Sun Myung Moon with an appearance Easter morning, 1936" as Moon had withdrawn to a Korean mountainside for reflection.

THE BOOKLET continues: "In awe, Sun Myung Moon awaited his purpose in the appearing. Being only a lad of 16 years at the time, he trembled in reverence before the Master.

"Jesus lovingly told him that there was a definite mission which he must accomplish through Sun Myung Moon, for the fulfillment of God's purpose, through this age."

In Korea, since 1960, Moon is reputed to have performed a mass wedding ceremony for 777 couples thus carrying out a basic tenet of the Unification Principle: "love within the family unit is the key to peace."

THE UNIFICATION sect owns a 35-room mansion near Tarrytown, N.Y.; an \$800,000 training center there; and leases a national headquarters in Washington, D.C.

Moon has defended President Nixon in one of his books, "Answer to Watergate" and says, "This nation (the USA) is God's nation. The office of the president of the United States is therefore sacred . . . Therefore God has the authority and power to dismiss him."

In another section of the Moon literature, Moon relates that God spoke to him and told him, "It is your duty to love him, (Nixon)."

MOST OF MOON'S followers are young persons, whose ages range from 20 to 30 years of age. Most of their time is spent soliciting donations for their leader.

Appearing in Nashville with Moon will be Neil Salonen, U.S. President of the Unification Church.

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Nashville, Tennessee
March 8, 1974

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NASHVILLE, TENN., SATURDAY, MARCH 9, 1974



—Staff photo by Frank Emeson

Bringing Worlds Together

Some of the young persons from over the world who are working on mobile teams for the Rev. Sun Moon's Unification Church are, from left, Irene Evers,

Germany; Emito Yoshimura, Japan; Ulrike Schultz, Austria; Gustave Demoniere, France and Esther Newhaven of Los Angeles.

Youths Praise Unification Church

By W. A. REED

Tennessean Religion News Editor

The Rev. Sun Myung Moon and his Unification Church has helped youngsters get closer to God, two young persons from overseas said yesterday at the church's headquarters, 2516 Belmont Boulevard.

Nearly 60 young people, whose ages range from 20 to 30, are in Nashville working in preparation for the arrival, next Monday of Moon.

SOME ARE painting pictures, some typing, some making phone solicitations and others are on Nashville streets collecting funds for Moon's banquet at the Ramada Inn North at 8 p.m. Monday.

Irene Evers of Dusseldorf, Germany said:

"He explains to us how we can establish a link with God." I have a greater un-

derstanding of the Bible than when I was a member of the Roman Catholic Church."

Mark Wells, 23, of London, said "There is something within this church (Unification) that you can trust and I have been searching for the truth a long time and now I am content that I have found it."

GUSTAVE Demoniere speaks French and no English but through an interpreter, the young native of Lyons, France said:

"Throughout my life and in college I felt I was not close to God but now with these people I feel close to all of them and to God and I am happier."

Peggy Kircz has been director of the Unification Church in Nashville. She is

a former New Orleans nurse and she explained:

"We live here like sisters and brothers and have a strict rule that bars any sexual relations before marriage. We believe we must first have strong relationship with God, then when two people who love God are married there is marital bliss."

MISS KIRCZ said the young people live on money given by family donations and that the Unification Church has several businesses including an import house in San Francisco, several coffee houses as well as the ginseng tea business and other businesses in Korea that are operated by the Korean evangelist's family.

Teddy Verhagen, president of the Unification Church of

Amsterdam, said the U.S. State Department had looked with favor upon the visas of the young persons and have extended them.

Asked whether the State Department extended the visas graciously because Moon is pro-Nixon, in statements and in sermons, Verhagen smiled and said "People have been nice to us."

THE MOBILE team of 60 young people will hold a rally at 11:30 a.m. Monday downtown in the area of Church Street and Capitol Boulevard.

One of the young workers quoted a passage from Moon's book "New Hope." It was "if you should shed tears, sweat and blood for the sake of the whole world, you will find that God has been shedding tears, sweat and blood for you."

Proclamations were received from the mayors of:

- City of Bartlett
- City of Millington
- City of Columbia
- City of Shelbyville
- City of Fayetteville
- City of Mt. Pleasant
- City of Dickson
- City of Lawrenceburg
- City of Couran
- City of McMinnville
- City of Brownsville
- City of Bell Meade
- City of Lewisburg
- Town of Arlington

The Hand of Fellowship was extended by:
Holy Name Church, Nashville
Westwood Baptist Church, Nashville
Bladmore United Methodist Church, Nashville

Honorary Citizenships were received from the mayors of:

- City of Bartlett
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- City of Columbia
- City of Shelbyville
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- Town of Arlington



Nashville Banner.

NASHVILLE, TENN., THURSDAY AFTERNOON, MARCH 7, 1974

Unification Church Promises Day Of Hope By 'Moon-Light'

Editor's Note: The Rev. Sun Myung Moon has attracted nationwide attention with his Unification Church lectures. He will be in Nashville Monday and Tuesday at Ramada Inn North, I-65 at Trinity Lane, with an invitation-only dinner at 7:30 p.m. Monday and a speech at 8 p.m. Tuesday. The following story on the Rev. Mr. Moon appeared in *Christianity Today* in the March 1 issue and was titled, "By The Light Of The 'Saviourly Moon.'"



SUN MYUNG MOON
Is He That Christ?

By RUSSELL CHANDLER

An Oriental Moon is rising in the Occidental sky.

It's the Reverend Sun Myung Moon, a Korean evangelist who has been gaining national attention through his pro-Nixon rallies and blitzing the United States with four-day "Day of Hope" conferences to spread his one-world, one-religion faith.

Moon heads the Unification Church (formally the Holy Spirit Association for the Unification of World Christianity). He is beginning another lecture circuit of thirty-two cities this month, and full-page ads in major newspapers herald his coming.

On the surface of his growing movement (he claims two million followers and members worldwide, 10,000 in the United States), the message is obey Puritan morals, fight Communism, unite behind the nation's President, and be-

lieve Bible fundamentals. But those drawn to hotel ballroom banquets and Day of Hope sermons—and those who seriously inquire about membership—find a strange, unorthodox theology and austere regimentation suggestive of the militaristic Children of God sect.

A few Unification Church beliefs and practices:

● Moon is a modern-day John the Baptist preparing the way for the "third Adam"—the "Lord of the Advent." Some followers are convinced Moon himself is that Christ.

● Communication with the dead is practiced. Moon has sat in several seances, including one in 1964 with Arthur Ford, the late Bishop James Plke's favorite medium. Ford predicted great things for Moon.

● Marriage is essential to salvation because the coming Christ will marry and the union will typify the perfect family relationship. On the other hand, divorce is recognized, and Unification Church couples may find church discipline so stringent that their marriages do not survive. Those that do survive are "resolemnized" through a Unification rite. "Couples who married before they joined the church will want to do this," said Neil A. Salonen, 28, a one-time Cornell student and business manager of a Washington, D. C., psychiatric hospital who is now president of the American wing of Moon's church.

● The Holy Spirit is the "feminine" element of the Trinity and bears a special affinity with Eve. The coming Christ (who will have been born in Korea by 1980) is the male element of the Trinity; the perfect union of male and female elements of the Godhead will occur when the Messiah marries. (Those who accept Moon as the Christ believe that his second marriage—his first wife left him after ten years—fulfills this.)

● Jesus of Nazareth accomplished man's spiritual salvation. But since Jesus was crucified before he could marry, he (the second Adam) couldn't finish man's physical salvation, thus regaining what the first Adam and Eve lost in the garden Fall.

Moon must approve each

marriage within the church. Matrimony-minded members submit up to five names of possible partners, and leaders pair "candidates" for Moon's final nod. He personally performs all weddings — en masse.

The number has been increasing according to a progression with special symbolism. The last mass wedding involved 793 couples (the church publishes 777 as the figure because of that number's significance, however) in Seoul, Korea, in 1970. U.S. president Salonen says the next group wedding will be soon, probably in America.

Most Unification Church members are in their 20s and 30s. Many live in the church's centers scattered in about 120 U.S. cities. Members devote much time to fundraising. They are often on the streets from dawn to dusk hawking anything from peanuts to flowers for "donations."

Teaching and doctrine are based on Moon's 536-page *Divine Principles*, which, he says, came to him through revelation and meditation over the years. The black-covered volume assume the authority that *The Book of Mormon* and *Science and Health* do in the Mormon and Christian Science faiths.

When a young mother (who recently quit the sect) and her husband joined the church in the Midwest, they were told to split up, she said. The husband (still a member) was sent to a church commune in the Pacific Northwest. Their children were placed in a church-operated nursery and taught that Mr. and Mrs. Moon were now their true parents, the ex-member told a reporter.

Insiders also confirmed that the heads of the Omaha, Nebraska, and Boise, Idaho, centers are husband and wife, but that they have lived separately for seven years — since they first joined the church.

Church officials contend that there is too much emphasis on sex today. Consequently, all newlyweds must abstain from relations for forty days. While Salonen denies that families are forcibly split up, he acknowledges that all couples married before joining the church must undergo a period of separation and "live as sister and brother," often for six months or more.

Young members appear completely sold on the church, and gladly share their possessions, living frugally (a former member said \$60 every two weeks was the total food allowance for fifteen persons in a Midwestern Commune). They speak of a personal relationship to Jesus Christ. May attend various institutional churches on Sunday, seeing this as a way of spreading Moon's teachings of religious unity and the belief that America has a special role in saving the world.

The latter belief stems from Moon's assertion that the United States, under the divinely ordained leadership of President Nixon, can bring other nations to God — if the United States itself repents of moral wrong. Unification Church followers gathered at the December White House Christmas-tree lighting ceremony to back Nixon, and on the day of the National Prayer Breakfast 1,000 rallied in Lafayette Park across the street from the White House. Moon himself somehow got into the by-invitation-only breakfast, causing a stir among members of the sponsoring committee. Meanwhile, 2,000 Japanese followers demonstrated at the U.S. embassy in Tokyo in support of Nixon.

Although Moon has been drawing crowds of only 300 to 500 at Day of Hope crusades in major cities, he hopes for a bigger response on the upcoming junket, which will take him to all states. (During Moon's recent visit to Berkeley, members of the Christian World Liberation Front handed out leaflets labeling him a false prophet and leader of "his own messianic personality cult." Most of the Christian groups on the University of California campus jointly sponsored a full-page anti-Moon ad in the campus daily. As word spreads, Moon may increasingly find himself the target of such counter moves by Christians on his future forays.)

An aide was asked at the Los Angeles conference last month (Moon himself has granted no interviews since the beginning of the circuit in New York) why Moon spends so much time in the United States when only a small fraction of his mem-

bership is here. "So much of the world's power and strength is in America," she said. "The United States has the ability to serve other countries and unify them."

The Moon family lives in a thirty-five-room stone mansion near Tarrytown, New York — when Moon and his attractive wife aren't on tour. And an interviewer was left with the impression that America's affluence rather than influence may have something to do with the Unification Church's concentration of efforts here. The sect owns an \$800,000 training center in Tarrytown, New York, owns 225 acres near Barrytown, and leases national headquarters in Washington, D.C. The Freedom Leadership Foundation, a related organization set up to "capture positive values of society" and combat Communism, is also located there. There are about 120 communal centers around the country, a number of them palatial residences in expensive neighborhoods.

A sore point with Moonites is the widely circulated statement that Moon is worth \$15 million. This is untrue, they say: he personally owns very little. But church-related business assets may approach that figure — a tea company, titanium production, pharmaceuticals, air rifles, retreat ranches, and the New World Home Cleaning Service, among others.

Moon was born to Christian parents in Korea in 1920. He and his businesses thrived — as did his religion — after he was released from Communist imprisonment during the Korean War (see October 12, 1973, issue, page 67). He founded the church twenty years ago after he was ousted by Presbyterians, in part for his involvement in Pentecostal activities.

Moon and his chief associates deny that he teaches that he is the Korean Christ, or "third Adam." But in timing and characteristics the new savior described in Moon's *Divine Principles* bears a striking similarity to the 54-year-old evangelist.

Is Moon that Christ? "It is entirely possible God could ordain him to that function," replied Salonen when pressed. "It will be for God and history to say."



STATE OF TENNESSEE
PROCLAMATION
BY THE GOVERNOR

WHEREAS, THE STATE OF TENNESSEE WAS FOUNDED ON FAITH IN GOD AND IS DEDICATED TO PRESERVING THE FREEDOM THAT GOD BESTOWS; AND

WHEREAS, REGARDLESS OF OUR RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION OR FAITH, WE CAN ALL AGREE THAT THE WORLD IS IN NEED OF HOPE AND UNITY AMONG ALL MEN OF ALL NATIONS; AND

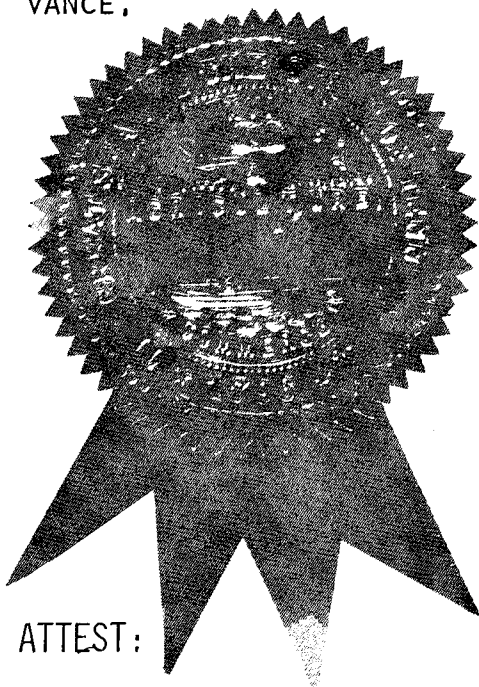
WHEREAS, ON MARCH 11 AND 12, 1974, THE REVEREND SUN MYUNG MOON, FOUNDER OF THE NATIONAL PRAYER AND FAST FOR THE WATERGATE CRISIS AND THE UNIFICATION CHURCH INTERNATIONAL, WILL BE IN NASHVILLE TO CALL ALL CITIZENS TO JOIN TOGETHER IN ONE BOND OF PEACE AND UNDERSTANDING; AND

WHEREAS, IN THESE TIMES OF CONTINUED CONFLICT, IT IS FITTING THAT ALL TENNESSEANS JOIN IN SALUTING THE EFFORT OF ALL WHO SPEAK ON BEHALF OF UNITY AS THE ONLY HOPE FOR OUR TROUBLED WORLD:


NOW, THEREFORE, I, WINFIELD DUNN, AS GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM MONDAY, MARCH 11, 1974, AS

A DAY OF HOPE AND UNIFICATION

IN TENNESSEE AND DO URGE ALL OUR CITIZENS TO RECOGNIZE THIS OBSERVANCE,

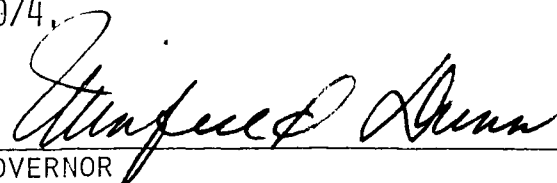


ATTEST:



SECRETARY OF STATE

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I HAVE HERETO SET MY HAND AND CAUSED THE GREAT SEAL OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE TO BE AFFIXED AT NASHVILLE ON THIS THE 22ND DAY OF FEBRUARY, 1974.



GOVERNOR

The State of Tennessee

By His Excellency

WINFIELD DUNN
Governor of Tennessee

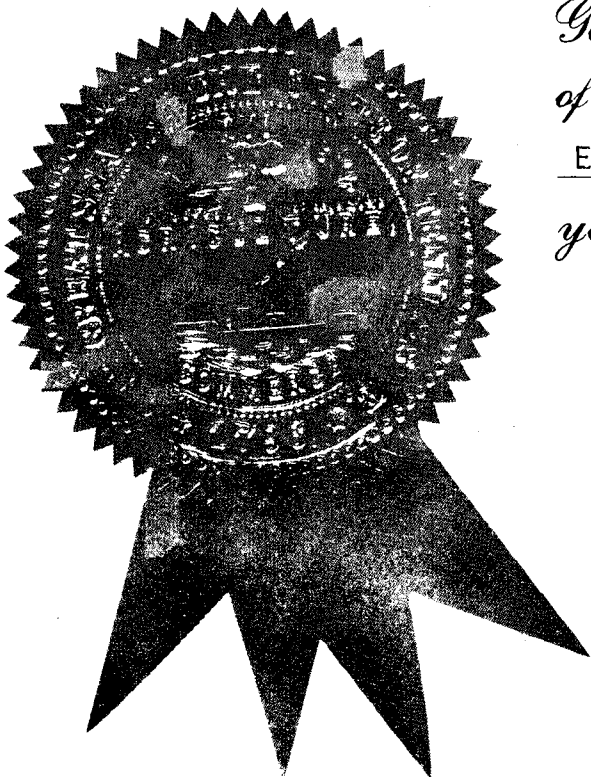
Greetings: Be it hereby known that

SUN MYUNG MOON

in recognition of outstanding qualities which merit the highest esteem of the citizens of the great Volunteer State, has been accorded the status of

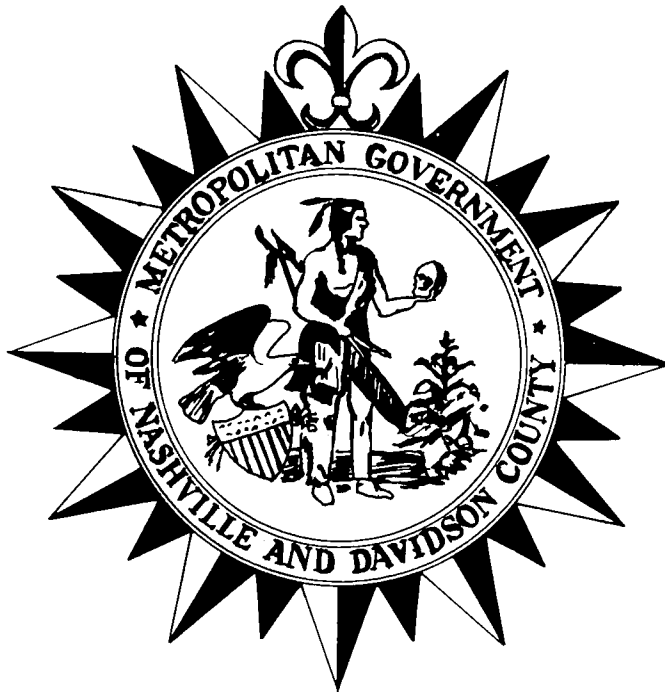
Honorary Citizen of Tennessee

and in recognition thereof is hereby presented with this certificate of honorary citizenship.



Given under my hand and the Seal of the State of Tennessee, this the ELEVENTH day of MARCH, in the year of our Lord, 1974.

Winfield Dunn
WINFIELD DUNN
GOVERNOR



Proclamation

WHEREAS, Metropolitan Nashville and Davidson County, was founded on FAITH in GOD, and dedicated to preserving the Freedom that God bestows; and

WHEREAS, regardless of our religious affiliation or Faith, we must all agree that the world is in great need of Hope and Unity among all men of all Nations; and

WHEREAS, we have entered an era when cultural differences cease to be an asset in creation of a sense of variety, but rather, differences have caused division; and

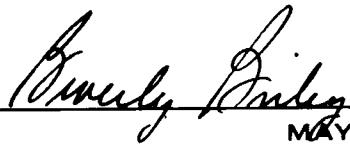
WHEREAS, in these times of increasing conflict, it is fitting that all Nashvilleans join me in saluting the effort of all who speak on behalf of unity as the only hope for our troubled world:

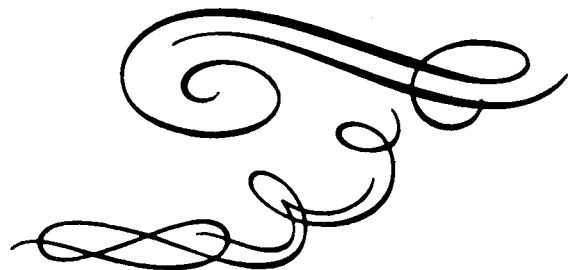
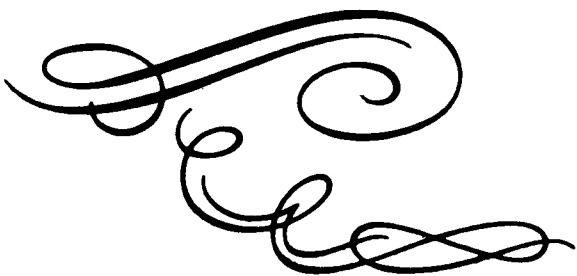
NOW, THEREFORE, I, Beverly Briley, Mayor of Metropolitan Nashville and Davidson County, Tennessee do hereby designate Monday, March 11, 1974 as

"A DAY OF HOPE AND UNIFICATION"

and call upon the citizens of this community to join together in one bond of Peace and Understanding.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this the 11th day of March, 1974.


MAYOR



Honorary Citizen

GREETINGS

Be it hereby known to all that

Rev. Sun. Myung Moon

has on this 4th day of March 19 74 been made an Honorary Citizen of the city of Clarksville, Tennessee. And in recognition thereof has been presented with this certificate of citizenship awarding full rights and privileges of the Queen City of the Cumberland, growing with the Volunteer State.

Witness my hand and seal.



Charles W. Crow
MAYOR



The City of Clarksville, Tennessee

Proclamation

WHEREAS, the Clarksville, Montgomery County, has beauty, warmth, and hospitality and;

WHEREAS, it is on the foundation of unity that our county has been able to flourish, and;

WHEREAS, in these times of increasing conflict on every level of our society, the Clarksville area is aware, that hope is the element that gives us strength and;

WHEREAS, growth in unity and harmony is beneficial to all our citizens;

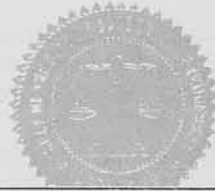
NOW, THEREFORE, I, CHARLES W. CROW, MAYOR of the CITY OF CLARKSVILLE do proclaim the day of March 11, 1974, to be

"DAY OF HOPE AND UNIFICATION"

in Clarksville, Montgomery County, Tennessee

Done this the March 4th 1974.

Charles W. Crow
Charles W. Crow, Mayor



CITY OF TULLAHOMA, TENNESSEE

Certificate Of Appreciation

PRESENTED TO

Rev. Sun. Myung Moon

In recognition of unselfish efforts to make this a better community for all its citizens.

3-4-74
Date

George Vibbert, Jr.
Mayor



George S. Vibbert, Jr.
Mayor
Claudette G. Wilson
City Judge - Recorder
Paul Stockton
Police Chief
Clayton Farrar
Fire Chief
Auburn M. Painter
Supt. of Public Works
Stephen M. Worsham
City Attorney

CITY OF TULLAHOMA

TULLAHOMA, TENNESSEE 37388

ALDERMEN:
Burt Byrom
Robert P. Hatheway
A. M. Kaplan
James H. McKenzie
Lowell W. Shallenberg
James M. Whoric

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, THE CITY OF TULLAHOMA has beauty, warmth and hospitality and;

WHEREAS, it is on the foundation of unity that our country has been able to flourish, and;

WHEREAS, in these times of increasing conflict on every level of our society, the Tullahoma area is aware, that hope is the element that gives us strength and;

WHEREAS, growth in unity and harmony is beneficial to all our citizens;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GEORGE VIBBERT, JR., MAYOR of the CITY OF TULLAHOMA DO PROCLAIM THE DAY OF MARCH 11, 1974, to be

"DAY OF HOPE AND UNIFICATION"

in Tullahoma, Coffee County, Tennessee

this 6th day of March 1974.

George Vibbert, Jr.
George Vibbert, Jr.
Mayor



Office of the Mayor
Springfield, Tennessee

Proclamation

Whereas, the City of Springfield, has beauty, warmth, and hospitality and, Whereas, it is on the foundation of unity that our City has been able to flourish, and Whereas, in these times of increasing conflict on every level of our society, the City of Springfield, is aware, that hope is the element that gives us strength
Whereas, growth in unity and harmony is beneficial to all our citizens
Now, therefore, J. Travis Price, Mayor of Springfield do proclaim the day of March 11, 1974 to be

"Day of Hope and Unification"

In Springfield, Tennessee.



City of Springfield, Tennessee

Greetings

Be it hereby known to all that, on this eleventh day of March, 1974,

The Honorable Rev. Sun Myung Moon

has been made an
Honorary Citizen
of the
City of Springfield, Tennessee
and in recognition thereof has been presented with this
Certificate of Recognition.

J. Travis Price
Mayor
M. B. Arnold
City Clerk

Greetings:

By proclamation of the Board of Commissioners of the
CITY OF LAWRENCEBURG, TENNESSEE

REVEREND SUN MYUNG MOON

Is Hereby Installed As An

HONORARY CITIZEN

Of the City of Lawrenceburg, Tennessee and is made a
Member of The Mayor's Honorary Staff

Given Under Our Hand and Seal

This 11 Day of March 1974

J. Travis Price CITY CLERK *Sun Myung Moon* MAYOR

By proclamation of the Mayor of
Franklin, Tennessee

Rev. Sun Myung Moon
is hereby declared an

Honorary Citizen

of this city and is entitled to all
rights, privileges and honors per-
taining thereto



In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand
and caused the seal of this city to be affixed.

Mayor Ed. Woodard

Date 3/5/74

Office of the Mayor
Franklin, Tennessee

Proclamation

Whereas, the city of Shelbyville has warmth, beauty,
and hospitality and,
Whereas, it is on the foundation of unity that our city
has been able to flourish, and
Whereas, in these times of increasing conflict on every
level of our society, the city of Shelbyville is aware,
that hope is the element that gives us strength
Whereas, growth in unity and harmony is beneficial to all our
citizens. Now, therefore, I
do
proclaim the day of March 11, 1974 to be
"Day of Hope and Unification."



In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand
and caused the seal of this city to be affixed.

Mayor Ed. Woodard

Date 3/5/74

Office of the Mayor
Winchester, Tennessee

Proclamation

Whereas, the city of Winchester, has beauty, warmth,
and hospitality and,
Whereas, it is on the foundation of unity that our city
has been able to flourish, and
Whereas, in these times of increasing conflict on every
level of our society, the city of Winchester is aware, that
hope is the element that gives us strength.
Whereas, growth in unity and harmony is beneficial
to our citizens. Now I

Mayor, do proclaim the day
of March 11, 1974 to be

"Day of Hope and Unification."

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand
and caused the seal of this city to be affixed.

Mayor Samuel H. Jackson

Date March 6 1974

By proclamation of the Mayor of
Winchester, Tennessee

Rev. Sun Myung Moon
is hereby declared an

Honorary Citizen

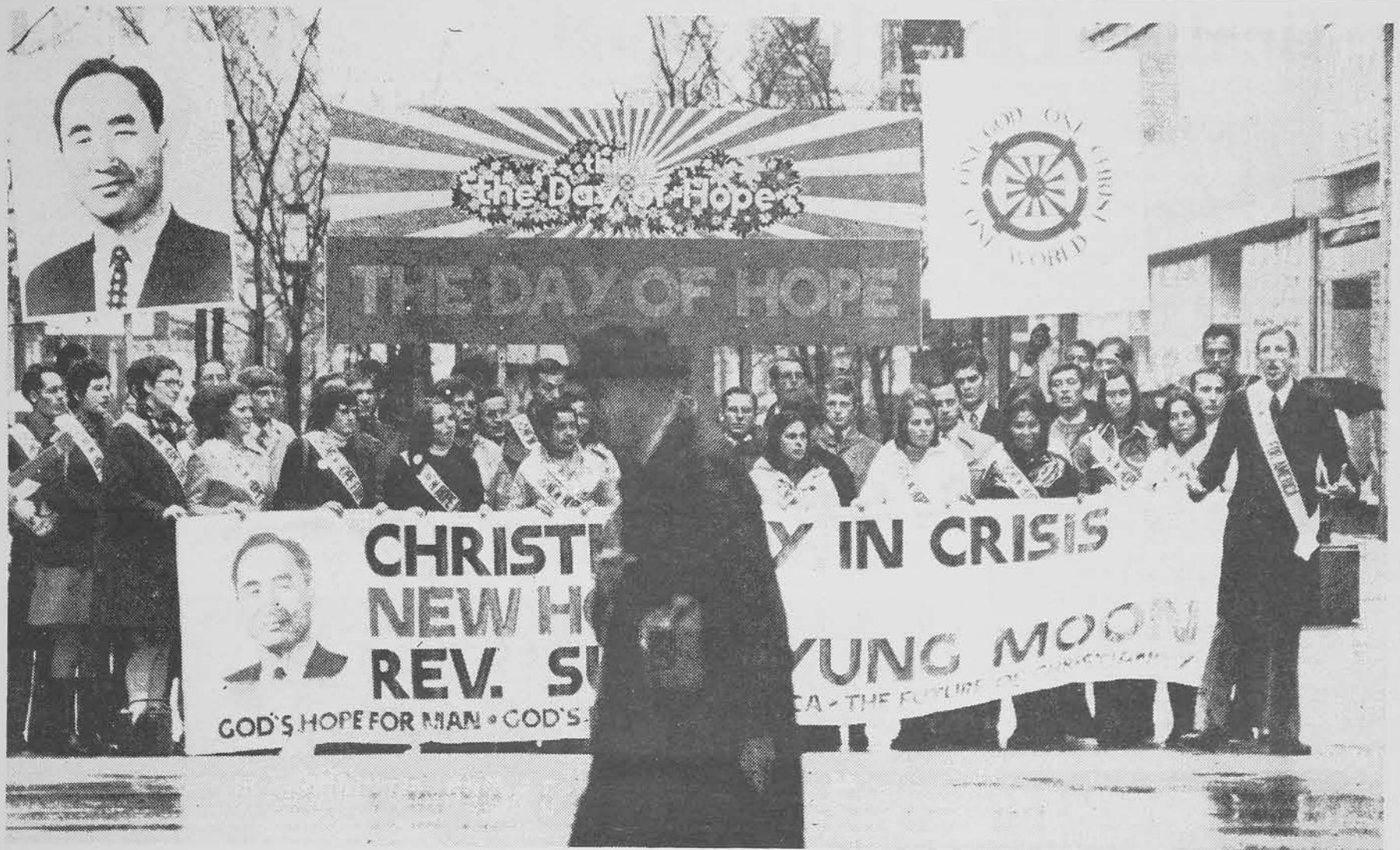
of this city and is entitled to all
rights, privileges and honors per-
taining thereto



In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand
and caused the seal of this city to be affixed.

Mayor Samuel H. Jackson

Date March 6 1974



Staff Photo by Michael Coers

Singing in the rain for the Day of Hope evangelism

It was just raining rain, not daffodils, to the passerby in the foreground, and he typified many, despite the entreaties of the man at right, as about 50 young singers gave forth with cheerful songs on the River City Mall at Walnut Street yesterday to whomp up attendance for an 8 p.m. Thursday

lecture at the Galt House by the Rev. Sun Myung Moon, of Tarrytown, N.Y. He is the founder and leader of the interdenominational Unification Church. During the 40-minute song program and rally a few lunch-hour pedestrians did stop and listen.

— *The Louisville Times Metro*
Louisville, Kentucky
March 12, 1974

With their faces turned skyward, some 50 young people sang hopeful and happy songs yesterday noon on the River City Mall at Walnut Street.

But though the songs were sunny, the smiling faces were wet, and most of the shoppers and employees on their lunch hours hurried past with their heads down.

Nevertheless, the songs and smiles continued for 40 minutes, attracting a few passersby to stop and watch the rally of the Unification Church.

The rally was designed to draw attention to a lecture by the interdenominational church's founder and leader, the Rev. Sun Myung Moon, at 8 p.m. Thursday at the Galt House.

According to Gary Fleischman, who is in charge of the church's Kentucky operations, the Rev. Mr. Moon is also the founder of Freedom Leadership Foundation, the International Federation for Victory over Communism and the World Anti-Communist League.

The Unification Church, said Fleischman, "has a political standpoint."

The church is "staunchly against communism," said one of the speakers at yester-

day's rally, Jackson Bowman, a missionary assigned to Louisville.

Recalling the Biblical description of the crucifixion of Christ, he said that the thief "on the right" accepted Christ and was saved, while it was "the thief on the left who mocked Christ."

"The thief on the left is the Communist. It is so clear, can you not see this?"

Another spokesman for the group, Jeremy Gaylord, said the church views the world as split by the opposition of the Communist and the free Western nations.

"God works with the President," he said.

The Rev. Mr. Moon, who now leads the church from Tarrytown, N.Y., is due to arrive Wednesday. A reception for him is planned for the Galt House Wednesday.

— *Louisville Courier-Journal*
Louisville, Kentucky
March 15, 1974

Proclamations were received from the mayors of:

City of St. Matthews
City of Devondale
City of Windy Hills
City of Lyndon
City of Springlee
City of Frankfort

"Knight of St. Matthews" award given to Our Master by the mayor of the city of St. Matthews.

'Most important' citizens attend Unification Church banquet

Two weeks ago, several hundred persons considered to be Louisville's "most important" citizens received handsomely engraved invitations through the mail inviting them to a banquet.

"The Unification Church of Louisville requests the pleasure of your company at the 1974 Day of Hope Dinner in honor of the Rev. Sun Myung Moon on Wednesday, the thirteenth of March, at half after seven o'clock The Galt House . . ."

One person who received an invitation was Jefferson Circuit Court Judge Macauley Smith, who had never before heard of the Rev. Mr. Moon, a Korean evangelist who claims to have spent nine years in Heaven learning the scriptures at the elbow of Jesus Christ.

However, Judge Smith and many other people in Louisville have learned more since.

"They called me on the telephone at my office, and they wanted to see me, and they mailed literature to me," Smith recalled. However, he declined to attend their dinner. "I hate to be rude to anybody, but, frankly, this just wasn't my bag at all."

About 200 other persons did show up for the banquet. And about 325 others turned out last night, again at that hotel, to hear the Rev. Mr. Moon expound in a hoarse, chattering style his theology based on love, peace and flattery.

Many of those at the banquet said they came "to hear a world-famous minister, of whom they knew little, if anything. They said they didn't want to pass up a free dinner of prime rib, spinach and shrimp, which cost the Unification Church \$7.50 a plate.

Those who heard the Rev. Mr. Moon learned his words through the mouth of a translator, Bo Hi Pak, because the Oriental minister speaks only Korean.

The Rev. Mr. Moon last night described his interpretations of the Bible for more than two hours, mopping his brow frequently as he simultaneously gulped water to soothe his rasping voice. He said that he has the authority to speak for Christ because, "I was in Heaven. I met Jesus Christ. I met John the Baptist. Jesus taught me for nine years. I know all the subtlety behind it."

Throughout his visit to Louisville, the Rev. Mr. Moon was inaccessible to reporters. His stop here is one of a tour of 32 American cities. He will speak in Indianapolis tomorrow.

The appearance of the smiling Korean, who was converted to Christianity in the mid-1930's and has since organized a worldwide church of people who preach unity-for-unity's sake, culminated several weeks of publicity in the Louisville area by members of the local Unification Church, located in a rented house on Rosewood Ave. in the Highlands.

At most, the local church has "15 to 20 members," according to Christine Klaine, publicity director. The worldwide church has a membership of nearly 2 million, and its American contingent some 10,000 according to Neil Salonen, president of the

Unification Church, who introduced the Rev. Mr. Moon last night.

Invitations for the dinner, according to Ms. Klaine, were issued to "the most important local citizens" in religious and political positions.

During the dinner, a tuxedo-clad combo that featured "unification music" played a bewitching blend of piano and flute numbers.

The entire affair, including the expense of putting up the Rev. Mr. Moon and his wife in a comfortable hotel room (and paying for accommodations for his retinue of more than a score of national Unification Church officials) was announced "through the sales of flowers, candy and crafts" made by the church members.

That was the explanation given by national publicity director Linda Marchant, who also traveled with the group to Louisville.

"Yes, we really do pay for it that way," Ms. Marchant said. Yet, many of the guests at the dinner were bewildered by the money it must have taken to pay for it all. Unification Church spokesmen refused on several occasions to say how much the affair cost or how much money was collected to pay for it.

—*Louisville Courier-Journal*
Louisville, Kentucky
Friday, March 15, 1974



Standing behind a set of microphones, the Rev. Sun Myung Moon, a Korean evangelist who believes in America and advertising, last night looked out on the fruits of his apostles' labor.

Sitting before him were hundreds of Louisville residents who came to hear him talk about the Unification Church, which he founded.

The audience, which Mr. Moon's followers counted as 503, learned of the speech through a well-run advertising and personal visitation effort.

Four months ago Mr. Moon gained national attention when he purchased full-page newspaper ads urging Americans to "Love Richard Nixon" despite the President's Watergate troubles. This week he bought full-page ads urging Louisville residents to attend his speech.

In addition, his followers in Louisville — a group of about 20 — joined forces with visiting church members to canvass the Louisville area, telling all of Mr. Moon's coming.

In a Galt House hall last night, made warm by the group's klieg lights, the stocky, 54-year-old evangelist belted out his message in Korean. Mr. Moon's words and emotions were then quickly translated by Bo Hi Pak, a former lieutenant colonel in the South Korean army who is now a close associate of Mr. Moon.

Slapping his hands and moving around the podium, Mr. Moon spoke of the second coming of Christ, adding that God had chosen America "in these extraordinary times to do His will."

Throughout his delivery, a photographer for Mr. Moon's organization snapped pictures, giving some indication of the well-disciplined and aggressive public relations campaign used by Mr. Moon's followers.

That campaign, as outlined by members of the Unification Church — Mr. Moon's church — and by local businessmen who were contacted by Mr. Moon's followers, works this way:

* At least two weeks before Mr. Moon

visits a city, a cadre of some 70 Unification Church workers arrives to help local church members promote his visit. Currently, Mr. Moon is touring 32 American cities. Approximately seven advance parties are leaping into these cities to prepare for Mr. Moon's arrival.

* Once in the city, the group divides into teams. One team, for instance, invites local businessmen to a banquet; another visits local politicians asking for a key to the city and some kind of goodwill proclamation.

Last night, Neil Albert Salonen, president of the national Unification Church, read the crowd greetings from Louisville Mayor Harvey Sloane and Gov. Wendell H. Ford.

* Another team visits local newspapers and television stations, depositing a thick press kit that includes pictures of Mr. Moon shaking hands with Washington notables.

The banquet, held the night before Mr. Moon's public speech, is an attempt to get civic leaders to know Mr. Moon, Unification Church members explained.

* After the engraved invitations are mailed out to business, media, and political leaders, team members call and visit the leaders to try to get them to attend.

* And shortly before Mr. Moon's appearance, full-page ads are purchased in local newspapers to announce him.

In Louisville, Mr. Moon's followers spent about \$2,500 on newspaper advertising.

Church members say the money for the ads came from the source of all the church's funds: street sales of peanuts, candies and flowers.

Last year the national church collected about \$6 million by this method, Salonen said.

Better Business Bureau offices in Louisville and Washington, D.C. the church's national headquarters, confirmed that the Internal Revenue Service has listed the church as a nonprofit organization.

Mr. Moon rarely talks to the press, his aides said last night.

But Salonen, the group's 28-year-old president, who attended Cornell University and a Dale Carnegie Institute, explained in an interview why the group spends so much money on advertising.

"I would equate it to advertising penicillin. If someone discovered a therapeutic drug and no one would carry it in the stores, and we felt it was the cure for so many things, we would be remiss if we didn't promote it any way possible," he said.

Salonen acknowledged the church has purchased two mansions in Westchester County, New York, valued at more than \$1 million and is completing a deal for a \$1.5 million Christian Brothers Seminary in Barrytown, N.Y.

Salonen explained that Mr. Moon lives in one of the mansions and that both are used as training centers by the group. The houses are beautiful, he said, but are sparsely furnished.

—*Louisville Times*

Louisville, Kentucky

Friday, March 15, 1974



OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
FRANKFORT, KENTUCKY 40601

WENDELL H. FORD
GOVERNOR

March 13, 1974

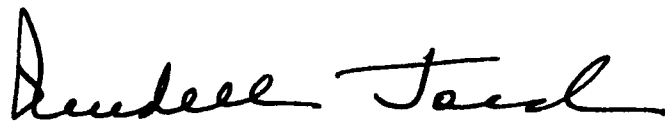
Dear Reverend Moon:

It is indeed a pleasure to welcome you to the Commonwealth of Kentucky, and I hope your stay here, though brief, will be most rewarding and enjoyable. I know you will be genuinely touched by the friendship of our citizens and the warmth of our Kentucky hospitality.

Your lifetime of dedication to God and humanity has been an inspiration to many, just as your love of Him and His creations has been an example for mankind. I join fellow Kentuckians in commending you and thanking you for all you have done and all you have yet to do.

Please accept my warmest, best wishes for your continued good health, happiness and success.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Wendell Ford". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the typed name "Wendell Ford".



HARVEY I. SLOANE M.D.
MAYOR

**CITY OF LOUISVILLE
KENTUCKY**

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS,

The City of Louisville is noted for its great hospitality and kind-hearted welcome to citizens of all nationalities, races and religions; and,

WHEREAS,

The Reverend Sun Myung Moon stands on the highest principles of religion and unity centered on God, for building a better future for mankind; and,

WHEREAS,

The City of Louisville stands proudly on the Commonwealth of Kentucky motto; "United We Stand, Divided We Fall",

NOW, THEREFORE,

I, Harvey I. Sloane, Mayor of the City of Louisville, do hereby proclaim the week of March 14 - 21, 1974, as

HOPE AND UNIFICATION WEEK

in Louisville, and call attention of every citizen to this vital cause and its importance to our City.

Done at Louisville, Kentucky, this first day of March, in the Year of Our Lord Nineteen Hundred and Seventy-four.


Harvey Sloane
MAYOR

CITY OF LOUISVILLE



*In recognition of personal interest shown
in activities and programs of
The City of Louisville, Kentucky*

REVEREND SUN MYUNG MOON

is hereby designated

AN HONORARY CITIZEN

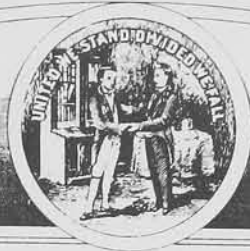


Presented at Louisville in the Commonwealth of Kentucky

This 13th Day of March, 1974

Harvey Sloane
HARVEY I. SLOANE — Mayor of Louisville

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY



WENDELL H. FORD

GOVERNOR

To all to Whom These Presents Shall Come, Greeting:

Know Ye, That

HONORABLE SUN MYUNG MOON, SEOUL, KOREA

Is Commissioned A

KENTUCKY COLONEL

*I hereby confer this honor with all the rights,
privileges and responsibilities thereunto
appertaining.*

*In testimony whereof, I have caused these letters to be made
patent, and the seal of the Commonwealth to be hereunto af-
fixed. Done at Frankfort, the 7TH day of MARCH
in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and 74
and in the one hundred and 82ND year of the Commonwealth,*

Wendell H. Ford

By the Governor

Phema L. Stovall

Secretary of State

By

Assistant Secretary of State





DEPARTMENT FOR NATURAL RESOURCES
AND
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

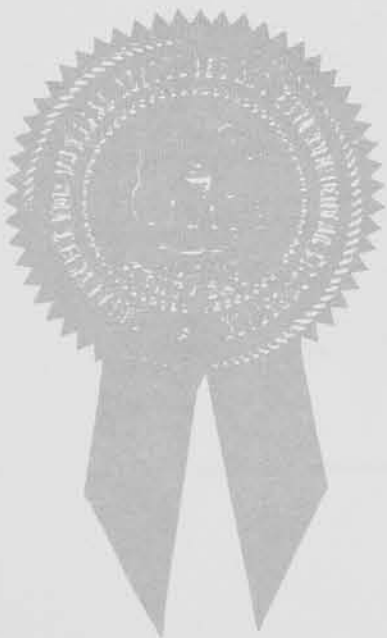
To all to Whom These Presents Shall Come, Greeting:

Know Ye, That HONORABLE SUN MYUNG MOON

Has Been Duly Commissioned An

ADMIRAL

of the great fleet of pleasure boats cruising on the waterways of the Commonwealth and is hereby charged to: Practice boating safety at all times, assist in the promotion of Kentucky's State-wide Beautification Program by observing anti-littering rules and to promote tourist travel on the scenic waterways of the Commonwealth.



Dwight A. Ford
GOVERNOR

*Given under my hand at
Frankfort, Kentucky, This
11TH Day of
MARCH 1974*

Thomas O. Harris
COMMISSIONER



WENDELL H. FORD
GOVERNOR

*To Reverend Sun Myung Moon, Greetings:
I do hereby appoint and commission you*

**KENTUCKY'S
AMBASSADOR OF
GOOD WILL**

*to carry our best wishes and the message
of Kentucky's hospitality to all people of other
states and other lands.*

*Given under my hand
at Frankfort, Kentucky*

This 14th Day of MARCH 1974

Wendell H. Ford
Governor



Indianapolis

Nearly 80 young Germans, members of an International One World Crusade team, are in Indianapolis as "advance agents" for the Rev. Sun Myung Moon, Korean evangelist, and church founder who will speak at 8 p.m. March 16 in the Columbia Club.

Tickets are being given away in the downtown area, on local college campuses, shopping centers and door-to-door in metropolitan Indianapolis.

A banquet honoring the Rev. Mr. Moon will be held March 15 in the Columbia Club. Many local politicians, educators and religious leaders are being invited.

The team members will support themselves during their stay in Indianapolis by fund-raising drives with peanuts and candies.

Richard Parks is director of the local branch of the Unification Church founded by the Rev. Mr. Moon. It urges stronger foundations of Christian love and unity within the family unit and society.

The Rev. Mr. Moon made a recent tour of 21 cities and published full-page "Answer to Watergate" statements in major newspapers of all 50 states, carrying a plea that people work for unity under God to heal the nation's wounds.

By April 26, the Rev. Mr. Moon will have delivered his message to every state.

—*Indianapolis Star*
Indianapolis, Indiana
March 6, 1974

The Rev. Sun Myung Moon is a crusading, Korean-born Christian who sees a way to renewal for an America which he says seems wounded in spirit by Watergate.

"Vicious accusation is becoming a daily staple in the American diet," he said in a press conference during the 32-city tour that brings him to Indianapolis this week. "Hatred and bitterness are killing the human soul. Some cry, 'Impeach the President.' Should the President remain in office? Should the President resign or be impeached?"

He said the nation that experienced the assassination of President John F. Kennedy is, though many do not realize it, "in the process of killing her President once again. This time the 'bullet' of hatred and accusation is capable of destroying not only the President, but the nation with him. In a war of hatred, no one is a winner."

The Rev. Mr. Moon said, "Now is the time for America to renew the faith expressed in her motto, 'In God We Trust.' This is the founding spirit that makes America great and unique."

He heads the Unification Church, founded 20 years ago in Seoul and claiming 2 million members in 40 countries and supported by donations in the work of its members, mostly well-scrubbed, clean-cut young people who sell candles and peanuts door-to-door, sell flowers on street corners



and, in some cities, run dry-cleaning businesses and print shops.

The Korean evangelist will appear at a welcoming banquet of community leaders in the Columbia Club at 7:30 p.m. tomorrow. He will deliver his message to the public — admission free — at 8 p.m. Saturday in the Columbia Club's 10th floor Ballroom. It sounds like a strong, healthy antidote to the Watergate sickness and a spiritual vitamin shot besides.

—*Indianapolis Star*
Indianapolis, Indiana
March 14, 1974

"We must have God indebted to us. Up to now, religious sects have fought for only individual salvation. We cannot follow their example. Instead of being indebted to anyone, even to God, we must have God indebted to us. We must be newly resolved to save not only this nation, but the other nations of the whole world. And in doing that, we must advance forward. Day and night, asleep or awake, whatever you do or wherever you go, you must bear in mind that you are responsible for the salvation of this nation. If there is a God, wouldn't He want you to do that?"

—*"Safeguard the Unified Front"*
Sun Myung Moon
January 1, 1974

THE INDIANAPOLIS STAR

"Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is Liberty"—II Cor. 3:17

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SUNDAY, MARCH 17, 1974

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Religious Leader Speaks Here

The Rev. Sun Myung Moon, 54-year-old founder of the Unification Church, told an Indianapolis audience last night that "the Lord will definitely return to us."

The Rev. Mr. Moon, speaking in his native Korean language, warned that "we should welcome this most VIP (very important person) of all in a proper manner."

The sermon, the 15th of 32 in his highly publicized United States tour, was held before about 400 persons in the Columbia Club.

HE CLAIMS to have been told by Jesus Christ on a Korean mountainside on Easter morning in 1936 that he had an important mission to accomplish in the fulfillment of God's providence.

The world is now in a state contrary to the will of God, the Rev. Mr. Moon stressed. His words were translated by Bo Hi Park.

"The Messiah is coming to do the will of God," he proclaimed during the more than two-hour sermon. The audience



(Star Photo)

REV. SUN MOON (LEFT) TELLS OF SECOND COMING
His Korean Words Translated By Bo Hi Park

was made up of young and old persons, all listening intently. Some, however, began to leave, as the sermon stretched past 90 minutes.

"If man had not fallen (become sinful), there would have been no need for religions, faith or churches," he said.

"**YOU WOULD** be the temple, the presence of God would always be there" under a sinless condition, he explained.

The second coming of the Lord will be to "restore man to his original good and perfection and eradicate Satan from the face of the earth," according to the Rev. Mr. Moon.

He charged that the Christian faith is "narrow and self-centered" because it does not realize that God is the God of all mankind and not just of Christians.

His topic was "The New Future of Christianity."

HE CALLED on all faiths to unite and prepare for the coming of the Lord.

Often clapping his hands and stomping his feet, Moon recalled that Jesus in his appearance on earth was misunderstood by his own people.

He warned that it must not happen again and that the reason for a second coming is because God aborted the first salvation try by Jesus when the people sinned and failed to understand Jesus as the Messiah.

The Unification church, founded by the Rev. Sun Myung Moon in Korea, and religious fundamentalists share one belief in common — "these are the final days."

There the similarity ends, for the Unification Church members believe that the end of the world means a change in the minds and hearts of the people and way of life; neither a physical destruction, nor the rising up of the righteous to meet the Lord in a "rapture."

Neil Albert Salonen, president of the Unification Church in America, in a press conference early yesterday in the Columbia Club, compared the impending "end" to the drastic change in the world brought about by the industrial revolution.

Salonen said that Unification Church members believe that because Adam and Eve failed to manifest God's ideal family, God is searching for a way to join men into that ideal family.

They believe that Jesus Christ was born of man and became Divine, rather than believing that he pre-existed with God. "All men are meant to be divine and sons of God," he said.

The Rev. Mr. Moon, honored last night with a banquet at the Columbia Club where he will give an address at 8 p.m. today

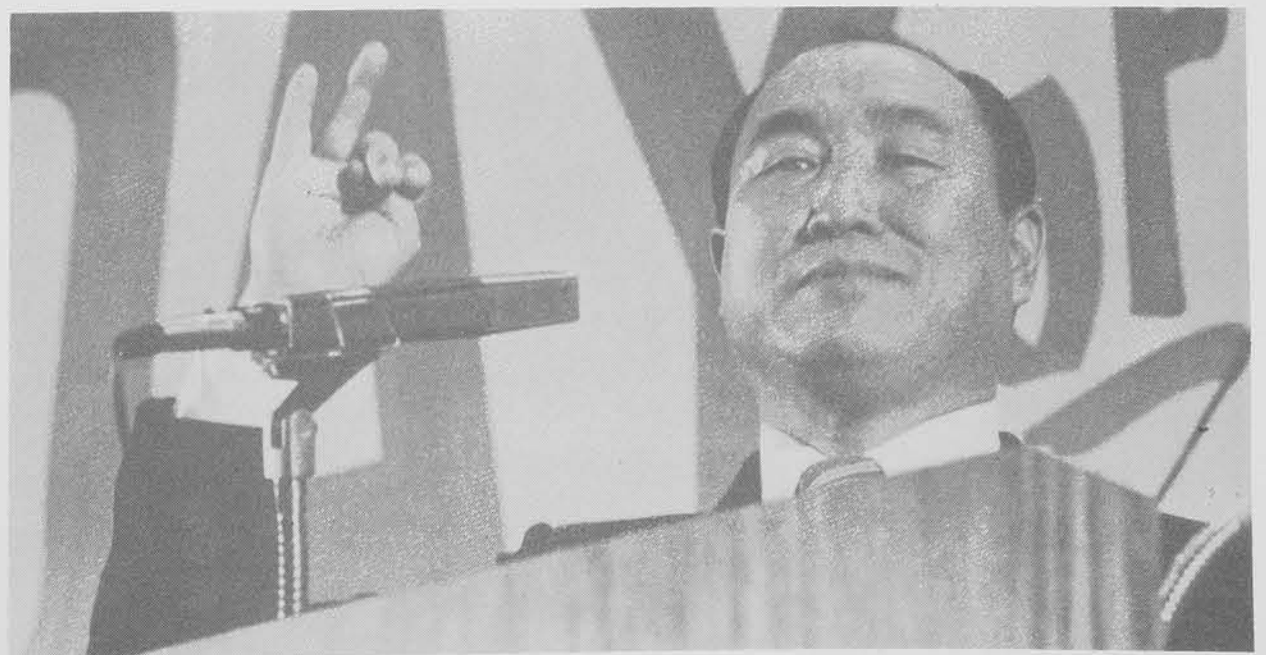
through an interpreter, claims that Jesus appeared to him in a vision while he was praying on Easter morning in Korea in 1936 telling him that God had an important mission for him.

He spent the next nine years studying for his responsibility, he said, discovering principles through which he could understand the physical and spiritual nature of the

universe, and inner meanings of parables and symbols of the Bible, and the purpose of all religions.

His topic for tonight will be "The New Future of Christianity."

—*Indianapolis Star*
Indianapolis, Indiana
March 16, 1974



**OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA 46204**

**OTIS R. BOWEN, M. D.
GOVERNOR**

March 11, 1974

Dear Reverend Sun Myung Moon:

May I take this opportunity to welcome you to Indianapolis representing the Unification Church International.

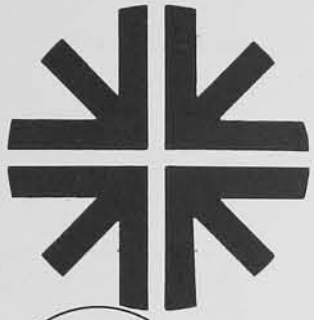
As you continue your "Day of Hope" tour many persons have been and will be inspired by your teachings of "forgive, love, and unite." It is hoped that your tour will succeed in bringing hope to the unification of our great country.

Kindest personal regards,



Otis R. Bowen, M.D.
Governor

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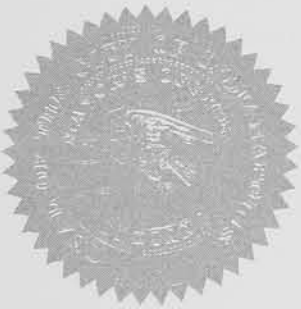
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THE BOARD OF MARION COUNTY COMMISSIONERS IS PLEASED
TO RECOGNIZE THE VISIT OF REVEREND SUN MYUNG MOON TO OUR
COUNTY AS A PART OF HIS 21-CITY SPEAKING TOUR. WE WELCOME
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CITIZENS IN THEIR CONTINUING SEARCH FOR INSPIRATION.

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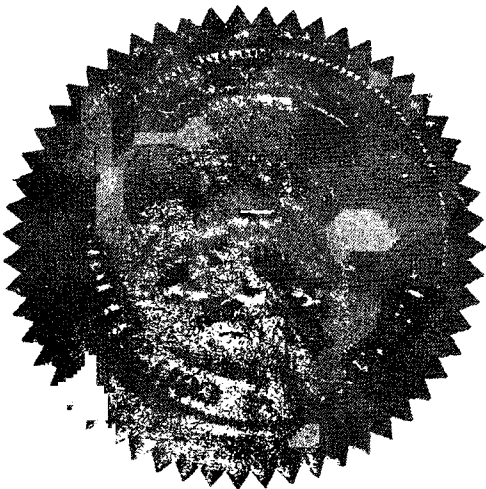
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March 15, 1974

*Reverend Sun Myung Moon
The Holy Spirit Association for the
Unification of World Christianity*

Dear Rev. Moon:

*On behalf of the City-County Council of Indianapolis and Marion County,
I welcome you to our community. I trust that your visit here will be
of spiritual benefit to many citizens who wish to hear your message.*

*We have read of your visits to other cities and of the inspiration you
have been to thousands of people throughout the country. Certainly, in
these times, we are honored to have your thoughts and your optimism
shared with the citizens of this community.*

*I hope your visit here will be a pleasant one. On behalf of the 29 mem-
bers of the City-County Council, I officially welcome you to our City and
I know that you will always be welcome when you return.*

Sincerely,

THE CITY-COUNTY COUNCIL OF
INDIANAPOLIS-MARION COUNTY

Thomas C. Hasbrook
President

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