

## MILESTONES

- 1920 Born** a farmer's son in North Korea, then under Japanese occupation.
- 1935 Anointed** by Jesus in an Easter Sunday vision, he learned of the grieving heart of God and pledged to work to establish God's kingdom on earth
- 1948 Imprisoned** in communist death camp for preaching the gospel; released by UN forces in the Korean War, 1950.
- 1960 Married** to Hak Ja Han Moon. The heart and soul of their lifelong ministry together is the re-establishment of God's ideal of the family as the cornerstone of world peace.
- 1971 Began** world ministry in America with the New Hope Tour. The movement grows despite media controversy.
- 1985 Vindicated** after imprisonment on US tax evasion charges, when 40 church denominations and a senate subcommittee declare an 'injustice' was done.
- 1990 Embraced** former enemies Mikhail Gorbachev of the Soviet Union and Kim Il Sung of North Korea.
- 1996 Replaced** his own Unification Church with a new Family Federation to build one human family under one God.
- 2005 Launched** Universal Peace Federation and began a 100 nation, 100-day peace tour to promote interreligious harmony and reconciliation.
- 2007 Declared** his life work begins again at 88 and announced the Pacific Rim Era, a time of hope for God and humanity.



“He has emerged as a great peacemaker and unifier on the world stage, a leading force of interreligious dialogue and understanding between peoples of all backgrounds and for global peace and stability.”

—Hon. Alexander M. Haig, Jr.  
U.S. Secretary of State (1981-82),  
Supreme Allied Commander, NATO (1975-79)

“Rev. Moon's call for peace though religion is something of great nuance and profundity. We are deeply fortunate for the chance to hear him and observe his life-long struggle for world peace.”

—H.E. Abdurrahman Wahid  
President, Indonesia (1999-2001)

“He has made it his mission to challenge the human race to look beyond the materialistic and irrelevant aspects of life and search for common ground in the spiritual dimension. His goal is that each may seek to love and build a world united, righting every wrong.”

—Dr. Eva Latham, President,  
Human Rights Teaching International, The Netherlands

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Rev. Sun Myung Moon  
and his life's work for

World Peace, Ideal Families  
and Interreligious Harmony

## MEETING A GOD OF GRIEF

The Reverend Sun Myung Moon and his wife, Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon, known affectionately as Father and Mother Moon, today lead a movement active in 190 nations encompassing the realms of religion, academia, the arts, media, sports, agriculture, technology, ocean enterprises, and more.

It all began on Easter Sunday, 1935, when he had a life-changing spiritual encounter with Jesus, who revealed to him a God of grief who had been suffering ever since losing his children to the fall.



*Sun Myung Moon and some of his early followers outside the cardboard shack that was his first church, in Busan, Korea. He had returned to the South as a refugee in 1951 after being imprisoned for almost three years in a North Korean communist prison camp.*

### IN HIS OWN WORDS

**“Throughout history no one has suffered more than God. He has suffered because his own children fell away from him. God has been working tirelessly for the restoration of humankind.”**

## WORKING FOR PEACE

Today Rev. and Mrs. Moon are proposing a revitalized, renewed United Nations with the help of the Universal Peace Federation (UPF), together with more than 100,000 diplomats, clergy, civic leaders, and current and former heads of state who have been appointed as Ambassadors for Peace.



*Among the more notable efforts of the UPF is the Middle East Peace Initiative. Thousands of religious and lay leaders travel to Israel and Palestine, working with the children of Abraham to unite in peace.*

### IN HIS OWN WORDS

**“Religion is not simply about dogma and belief. Faith is made real through substantial acts of love and service.”**



*UPF has been active in disaster recovery in Asia and the US after hurricanes and earthquakes. It is fighting HIV/AIDS, helping youth to prepare for marriage, work for change and serve their communities.*

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## BUILDING TRUE FAMILIES

The heart and soul of Rev. and Mrs. Moon’s lifelong ministry as True Parents is the re-establishment of God’s ideal of the family as the cornerstone of world peace. The Marriage Blessings began with just three Korean couples in 1960 and have now reached millions of families from every faith and background. All are welcomed and encouraged to participate.



*Sixty clergy couples from different faiths after celebrating their international marriage blessing in New York, 2001*

### IN HIS OWN WORDS

**“The true love of husband and wife is the masterpiece of all works of art.”**

**“Cross-cultural blessed marriage can break down the barriers of race, religion and nationality and build the lasting peace that God intends.”**