

## Sun Myung Moon holds dedication ceremony of the new Unification Church of Washington, DC building

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*In the predawn hours Unification Church members gathered outside the new Church facility with Rev. and Mrs. Moon for prayer and the unveiling of the new sign-"Unification Church"-which faces Sixteenth Street.*

While Washington, D.C., was still asleep, Unification Church members in the nation's capital gathered to greet Rev. and Mrs. Moon on the front steps of the new church facility on Sunday morning, December 4th, for its formal dedication ceremony. The dark sky provided a dramatic backdrop for the beautiful Unification Church symbol which shone gold in the spotlight as Rev. Moon loosened the veil to reveal the new sign, "Unification Church," across the front of the building.



*Rev. Moon giving his morning message*

State Directors and members from Washington and surrounding states were on hand for the ceremony. Following the ribbon-cutting at the front door, Rev. and Mrs. Moon led the congregation into the church to commence a full day of celebration, which would include an address by Rev. Moon from the new pulpit, a National Directors' Conference, a stately banquet and an evening of entertainment, recognition, and testimony.



*The evening festivities began with a banquet in the newly decorated church auditorium. Directors from*

*all 50 states were hosted.*

The new Unification Church of Washington, DC building was formerly a Mormon chapel.



*Rev. and Mrs. Moon danced with other Church leaders in the joyful finale of the evening program.*



*The Unification Church symbol being hoisted high above Washington's rooftops and secured on the church spire.*