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Using an idea of Dirac, we give a geometric construction of a unitary lowest weight representation  $\mathcal{H}^+$  and a unitary highest weight representation  $\mathcal{H}^-$  of a double cover of the conformal group  $SO(2, n + 1)_0$  for every  $n \geq 2$ . The smooth vectors in  $\mathcal{H}^+$  and  $\mathcal{H}^-$  consist of complex-valued solutions to the wave equation  $\square f = 0$  on Minkowski space  $\mathbb{R}^{1,n} = \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}^n$  and the invariant product is the usual Klein-Gordon product. (Received February 01, 2008)