



## Zen and the Art of Community Leadership

*Letter from the President  
to UTS Alumni and Friends,*

Dear UTS Alumni,

Greetings from UTS.

I am feeling the passage of time and generational change, as I'm sure we all are. I feel it in two ways relevant to the UTS experience. One, the friendships with fellow students met nearly 30 years ago are coming back to bless me. I had a long talk with Tamie Wilenchik, my classmate in the class of '78. We literally went through the entire list of our class, one by one. Between us we scraped together where they are, what they've done, how we can get in touch with them. We decided to try to pull together a reunion on May 20, here at UTS. It's the UTS Sports and Culture Festival day, so we thought it would be a great time to get together. Friendships never die. They come to have greater and greater meaning as the decades pass.

Two, as my future becomes shorter, my concern for the future of the Unification ideal becomes longer. When I think about the future, I think about those who will inherit it-our children, the "second generation." My hope is that the second generation will inherit the movement and change it, speaking the timeless message and living the timeless love in our contemporary culture. To bring our second generation to this pass will require a tremendous transformation of our movement and of ourselves.

In contemporary culture, the purpose of leadership is to empower, coach and support people to fulfill their goals-individually, as families and in community. This is the new paradigm for spiritual leadership and the leadership of any corporate enterprise. In our faith, parents are the ministers and educators, for their family and community. The Unification spiritual leader empowers and equips parents to fulfill this calling. To create such leaders is what I see as the task of UTS. This is to bring it all back

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## 2006 - A Shot at Taking Our Courage to the Next Level

*Don Sardella*

**I recently invested a day with Franklin Covey** to start the year focusing on "Courageous Leaps" with Coach Pam Walsh, their former Executive Vice President for Human Resources. Her unique coaching focus is on building courageous leaders. I discovered some fresh encouragement and perspective, which I hope to pass on to you.

On her website ([www.thatquietvoice.com](http://www.thatquietvoice.com)), you can find her workbook with the written exercises we followed. As we hunker down for 2006, many have found that this is a good time of year for these messages. They can be incorporated to strengthen whatever goals you have already set for yourself.

Here are some paraphrased excerpts and select quotes that you might run with:

*\*\* Pick something you are ready to strengthen your courage muscle for and simply be braver. For me, what would be more bold and undaunted, that I would be willing to stick my neck out for and would require some phenomenal conviction, possibly be historically unprecedented, and would be playful, challenging and producing meaningful results?*

*\*\* Aristotle called courage the greatest of all virtues. Another criteria? If it's scaring you to death and you can overcome it, it's courage - you don't get a t-shirt unless it possibly frightens you and fully challenges you.*

*\*\* Look for elevating reasons for being who you are and doing what you are doing, something that inspires your soul and that will expand you. And realize that there are no guarantees.*

*\*\* Know that you can choose to be quite average, mediocre and ordinary and no one will care. In every moment, we can change who we are - people step in our path and inspire courage. Look for them and those opportunities.*

*\*\* Root word of "encourage"? COURAGE. Ask yourself - given the one life I have to live, can I live with not challenging myself?*

*\*\* As one other participant said "Life isn't really for sissies if you are going to take accountability for your own happiness."*

*\*\* When you're being courageous, there is likely to be a struggle. Good to create your own "secret sauce" (your*

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### A publisher's note (E Cornerstone)

"Reverend Sun Myung Moon is the Founder of UTS. Several Cornerstone contributors recognize him with this title. Others may use the terms True Parents, True Father, or Father. These are various expressions of personal faith that Rev. Moon is fulfilling the mandate of Heaven to establish a Kingdom of Peace on Earth and that he and his wife are the first to establish a family centered on God's original ideal. The alumni/ae of UTS are a diverse group who relate to and understand Reverend Moon in diverse ways. We appreciate your consideration when reading the newsletter."



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home, pass the baton to the second generation and let them run with it.

So why come to the seminary? The seminary is where you gain depth by exploring where this spiritual vision and substantial community comes from, the scriptural and historical roots. You taste the varieties of God's expression in the world, including what He's doing with our neighbors. You explore best practices in education, youth and young adult ministry, community life, marriage and family counseling, curriculum design, teaching methodology, the whole nine yards. Also, it is a place to explore meaningful home and community worship, with music, drama, expression in art, and giving a message. I'm personally very interested in this. You can intern, picking up best practices in the best settings in and outside your own community. You bond with peers. And you look inside and discover the way you want to serve God's purposes in the world. You examine how others worked out the internal battles that you are wrestling with. This is called theology. You begin to articulate your own.

Stating the brutal truth, I am very aware that few of our North American second generation have a mind to come to UTS. They remind me of myself when I was 17. You couldn't have paid me to adopt my Presbyterian roots, much less attend a Presbyterian seminary! But, then again, there was one proviso. At the time I was very interested in Zen. Reading Zen thrilled me, it got me high, it opened my spiritual senses and drew me out of my mundane small town northern California world. And I once had a vision. I imagined myself standing at the pulpit in my local Presbyterian church, teaching the civilized, WASP Presbyterians about Zen. I was telling them, rapturously, about Gary Snyder and Jack Kerouac and beatniks and the open road and satori and Japan and cutting off a disciple's finger...

Yes, maybe if I'd come across a Presbyterian seminary that let me do Zen and lead a community somewhere doing

Jesus + Zen, I would have accepted it. Are there any second generation out there like I was? We are looking for dreamers, yes. Do you want to lead a church in a warehouse? Do you want to bless couples on a beach? Preach during a Sunday morning rock concert? Would you prefer meditation or labyrinth walking? How about returning to the sacramental root of God's presence in the world? If we survey what's going on out there even in the Christian world, not to mention beyond, we can see that society is wide open for spiritual exploration.



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We'd like to transition  
an extreme dream  
into something that  
works

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*own personal and private recipe) for being courageous, versus living in a way so the crowd thinks it's great.*

*\*\* Get to the point where you feel ready for something that exp ands your life, something that energizes you and that you want to see what happens (and realize that it might get messy) - messy, you say? that's part of the creative and pioneering process.*

*\*\* You may be overcome with fright - disturbed beyond disturbed - know the energy of fear and excitement are two sides of the same hand - it's a matter of transforming and re-directing that energy. Don't expect the heavens to open, the angels to appear and the music to start. Courage is a deeply personal experience and you need to find yourself "good comp any."*

*\*\* What is "good comp any"? It is a tight little team that knows you can get it done. Also known as a reference group. We need to be aware that we become like the people we hang around.*

*\*\* Be responsible for how much you can handle. Create a "what do I want in a friend" list. Also know that you attract better when you are an encourager. Courage is contagious.*

*\*\* Increase your energy. Be sure to clear out a space in the next 7 days. An office. A closet. A garage. A file cabinet. This all releases energy and makes room for something new.*

May this be a time to rejuvenate, revitalize, resolve, re-commit and re-activate. The year is well underway and now is your time to get a fresh grip to live 2006 well.

By the way, what are you reading these days for fresh inspiration and perspective? Here are a few books/audios that other clients motivated me to read:

### **The 360 Degree Leader: Developing Your Influence from Anywhere in the Organization** by John C. Maxwell

This is John Maxwell's latest offering to understand his 30+ years of leadership insights.

<http://www.maximumimpact.com/>

### **E-Myth Mastery: The Seven Essential Disciplines for Building a World Class Company**, by renowned business author and consultant Michael E. Gerber

- [www.emythmastery.com](http://www.emythmastery.com)

### **Never Eat Alone: And Other Secrets to Success, One Relationship at a Time** by Keith Ferrazzi

.Excellent book about networking.

<http://www.ferrazzigreenlight.com/>

### **Mastering Influence Audio Program** by Tony Robbins:

A 10-Day System for Strengthening Emotional Impact and Increasing Your Influence - integrates proven methods that will help you better understand, persuade and influence others to ultimately partner around your most important objectives. A lot of effective ideas and practical guidelines - Tony's style, of course.

[www.tonyrobbins.com](http://www.tonyrobbins.com)



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### The Success Principles: How to Get From Where You Are to Where You Want to Be: by Jack Canfield

A comprehensive book about fundamental success principles.

www.thesuccessprinciples.com

*Until the next time, see you around our "Global Campus".*

*With my best love and respect,  
Don Sardella, UTS '80  
don@leadfromwithin.com*



*"Every day, think as you wake up, today I am fortunate to be alive, I have a precious human life, I am not going to waste it. I am going to use all my energies to develop myself, to expand my heart out to others; to achieve enlightenment for the benefit of all beings. I am going to have kind thoughts towards others, I am not going to get angry or think badly about others. I am going to benefit others as much as I can."*

- The Dalai Lama

## Development Corner The Young Oon Kim Project Buzz

by Robin Graham

What exactly is going on? Let me give you an update.

Back in October 2005 a vision began to take shape: the opportunity for UTS alumni and FFWPU membership to work together to provide a UTS education to the next generation of leaders. UTS alumnus Rev. Dr. Mike Jenkins (UTS '77) is convinced that the next generation is the key to the future role of North America in God's Providence; those destined to carry forward the work of peace in pastoral ministries, in inter-religious dialogue, in the political fields, in business. Throughout all professions and walks of life there is a great need for men and women who have a solid theological and ethical base, who can bring peace to a troubled world. Rev. Jenkins, President of the FFWPU, attributes the continuing success of his mission in the Middle East, to the learning that took place at UTS many years before. He sees that the seeds of peace were planted in his heart there, and those seeds have now matured and are bearing fruit in the work of inter-religious embrace and understanding.

Trustees of UTS, together with administrators and faculty are committed to travel, to speak and to share the vision of UTS education throughout North America. They have told me that they want to speak in local communities, share with youth, tell of the many success stories of UTS alumni.

FFWPU Board members and leadership are partnering with UTS, and are also committed to work together to make the recruitment of next generation to UTS a reality. There is now a common understanding that leadership development is the key to future success. Today's students will be tomorrow's administrators and project managers. It is in FFWPU's interest and it is in UTS's interest to build a highly successful leadership education program.

To support the studies of the new generation who answer the call to UTS, alumni are

asked to help by joining together and building the YOK Scholarship Fund. This call also goes out to all friends of UTS, and to the FFWPU members. It costs at least \$15,000 for tuition, room, board and books for each student for each year.

If you know of potential candidates please contact Ritz Yamamoto at 845-752-3000 Ext 233, ritz.yamamoto@gmail.com.

To learn about funding opportunities please contact Robin Graham at 914-282-6087 or email robin2100@aol.com

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## God Is

God is One; revealed in the Torah says the Jew with his menorah!

God is Three; a holy trinity theologizes unabashed Christianity!

God is like an elephant and a rat whispers the Hindu meditating on his mat!

God is yin and yang in Confucian slang!

God is your enlightenment smiles the Buddhist totally content.

Allah is merciful & omniscient bows the Muslim so self-sufficient!

God is golden nectar & mystique sings the colorfully turbaned Sikh!

God is the maker of all life holy & sacred demonstrates the Jain buck naked

Let's not argue says the Unificationist God is all of the above but centered most on unchanging Parental Love!

By Lloyd Howell, class of '78

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## Friends Column

### A Round Table

By L. Binnie

*"Religions should be concerned with God's will for world salvation more than with the salvation of the individual or the welfare of their own denomination. I think that now is the time for all religious bodies together to search again for the true will of God. As far as I know, God is not sectarian. He is not obsessed with minor details of doctrine. We should quickly liberate ourselves from theological conflict, which results from blind attachment to doctrines and rituals, and instead focus on living communication with God."*

(Sun Myung Moon; Founder's Address at the Assembly of World's Religions 1985)

Henotheism; 1860, from Greek, *henos* "one". Belief in a single god without asserting that he is the only god. Coined by Max Muller (1823-1900), professor of comparative philology at Oxford.

### Introduction

Sun Myung Moon, the founder of the Unification Movement (UM) and our various leaders and spokespersons talk about world peace frequently. "Federation for World Peace" or 'FWP' is the familiar term we see in the name of all our various organizations; FFWP, WFWP, IIRFWP and the like. But in order for the UM to play a meaningful role in bringing peace, we need to work through the tension between the founder's statement above and other UM pronouncements and practices asserting that world peace needs to, and will only, come about under the banner of our doctrines like 'Lineage' and 'Blessing'. In order for the UM to make its proper contribution to God's good work and providence this tension needs to be worked through.

In this essay I will explore some different aspects of the issue, and offer a wide-angled lens through which to look at the role of our movement. It might help us be more and achieve more.

### Less might be more!

Whether or not we believe that the UM constructs are the ultimate paradigm through which world peace is to be realized, we will certainly be more effective by being less assertive. At least in American culture, one is often more credible by admitting to shortcomings; honesty gets attention. The UM's assertions of preeminence are, at this stage of the development of the movement and the ministry of the founder, unconvincing and uninspiring, for me.

I would like to reference Jack LaValley's essay in the Fall '05 E-Cornerstone issue, where he wrote that radical change for the UM is inevitable; to build on his argument, the founder's and the UM's assertions of primacy will need to be scaled back sooner or later. and I suggest sooner.

### Beyond belief

Henotheism, a term created by Max Muller in 1860, is derived from the Greek; *henos* "one". (See complete reference above) Maybe this concept of henotheism can help shine some light on the idea expressed in the founder's statement quoted above, that religious people need to transcend their attachments to doctrine. This is not easy to do, perhaps not even for the founder, but he did say it! I believe that for the UM to have a meaningful future we need to practice deep ecumenism, and truly honor the Universal body of believers. Perhaps the concept of Henotheism describes what that type of transcendence looks like.

### Not only us

We are obviously not the only group interested in and working towards genuine world peace. Clearly there are many people of faith, motivated by God's love, sincerely dedicated to working for peace, inter-racial and inter-religious harmony, economic and environmental justice and the like.

For example, Sojourners is a progressive Christian organization that seeks to combine Biblical faith with actions for social justice. I recently attended one of their conferences on 'Spirituality and Politics' on the birthday anniversary weekend of Martin Luther King, and found their level of commitment to a genuine 'head-wing', neither left, nor right, social justice, very impressive.

Here's a quote from their website found at [www.sojo.net](http://www.sojo.net):

"Rooted in the solid ground of prophetic biblical tradition, Sojourners is a progressive Christian voice that preaches not political correctness but compassion, community, and commitment. We refuse to separate personal faith from social justice, prayer from peacemaking, contemplation from action, or spirituality from politics."

Thich Nhat Hanh, the Vietnamese Buddhist and peace activist in his 2003 book 'Creating True Peace' writes of the reconciliation that came about between Palestinians and Israelis who lived and practiced meditation with him at Plum Village, the community he founded in France ([www.plumvillage.org](http://www.plumvillage.org)).

There are also those who recognize the spiritual base underlying all the religious traditions, the Truth underlying all truths, who are bringing people of different faiths together. An example is the Forge Institute. ([www.theforge.org](http://www.theforge.org))

And progressive Catholics speak of deep ecumenism, described as 'the movement that will unleash the wisdom of all world religions.'

All this is not to take away from the UM's work for peace. We do have important contributions to make to world peace and are entitled to a seat at the peace table. Our emphasis on marriage and family as the highest devotional path, combined with our



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strong commitment to inter-religious and inter-racial dialogue are probably uniquely valuable, as are some of our other contributions.

### A Wider Lens

It is helpful to me to view the founder and the UM he started as a tributary river, contributing to the vaster stream of mankind's evolution to higher consciousness. Or as one thread, or perhaps several threads woven into a larger tapestry. Does it really matter whether the founder, and the movement he initiated is the weaver, the loom, or simply part of the tapestry? Does it really matter how ultimately significant we are? Isn't it enough just to offer our contribution to Human Progress? I say, yes.

### Conclusion

Is the UM ready for the genuine ecumenism implied by the founder's statement at the head of this article? Are we ready to be who we say we are, the Unification Movement? Are we ready to work with the tension of walking the path of our own faith while genuinely honoring and even learning from the faith of others? Can we balance our desire to lovingly influence others with the willingness to be, in turn, influenced? Of course, the answers to these questions can only be found in each person's faith. To reference the title of the essay, like the circle suspended above the altar in the UTS chapel, I believe that the table of peace is ultimately a round table, at which there is no head place. I am certain that the Man and the Movement can make their needed contribution, and find their place at this table.

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*employed as a sales and marketing executive for a fashion accessories manufacturer and distributor, practices meditation and follows a lay ministry of small group study, and retreat fellowship in Westchester County, NY.*

*"Leadership without mutual trust is a contradiction in terms. Trust resides squarely between faith and doubt. The leader always has faith in himself, his abilities, his co-workers, and their mutual possibilities. But he also has sufficient doubt to question, challenge, probe, and thereby progress."*

- Warren Bennis

## Spotlight on Alumni

**Godwin D'Silva: Class of 2004**



We're happy to report that Godwin is in the final stages of recovery from cancer (you can read about his journey at: [www.godwin.desilva.com](http://www.godwin.desilva.com)), but even illness and treatment couldn't stop him. He was invited by the Government of Malaysia and India to present programs for abstinence education, and he also helped prepare for Father Moon's speaking tour in those countries. Back in the USA he is developing an online school for people to get their undergraduate degree, scheduled to be up and running by September 2006.

Check out the site at: [www.clergyonline.com](http://www.clergyonline.com)



*"To get focus and teamwork, employees must know what the highest priorities are, buy into them, translate them into specific actions, have the discipline to stay the course, trust one another and collaborate effectively."*

-Dr. Covey



### Book Reviews

#### "Towards a Sustainable City" by Mose Durst Ph.D.

Review by Kevin Thompson

Honestly speaking, when I first received this book I had personal reservations, thinking to myself "What is this all about? Is this some environmentalist attack on modern society and the evils of capitalism? Is it something I really want to read?" Well, I have to say that I was thoroughly educated and the biggest compliment I can give the book is to say that I was stimulated to read it very quickly as it was interesting from start to finish. Sometimes I get a book and the first chapter or two gets me very interested only to find that the rest of the book doesn't live up to the beginning. In Mose Durst's book that wasn't the case, each chapter was as good as the one before and I read each detail with a sense of awakening as to what is going on around me that I previously knew little or nothing about.

To read more go to:

[http://www.bafo.org/BAFCNews/02-17-06\\_BookReview.htm](http://www.bafo.org/BAFCNews/02-17-06_BookReview.htm)

#### "Family, Church, Community, and Kingdom: Building a Witnessing Church for Working Families" by Tyler Hendricks, P.H.D

Review by Michael Yakowich

I must repent and apologize that it took me until now to know about this book and read it. I purchased three in total to share with other elders on our Board. I am sure this book was advertised in a thousand ways. Yet, it only came to my attention recently. I took this book with me to the mountains to read. I have read it twice, so far.

Personally, I find this to be one of the best books for outreach for our church and also that it eloquently addresses vital issues for our church growth. It is written by a person who is trustworthy, dedicated and extremely familiar with our church and movement. It is a book that is thought provoking, stimulating, insightful, challenging and filled with many possible solutions and suggestions.

As I read this book, I found it like a jeweler's cloth that has helped polish and deepen my understanding of our own ministry here in Montana. Dr. Hendricks has keen insights on outreach, cell church development and church growth. I could truly relate and connect his insights to the grassroots of our ministry. Now in my third reading of this book, I cannot help but strongly encourage all state leaders, all brothers and sisters, all members to read this book. Having purchased and read many books on church growth, this one is the premier book for this subject. It is a book that theologians, pastors and lay ministers of our church should delve into, digest, critique and research.

Finally, after reading this book and marking, underlining, and placing notes and remarks on the side, I cannot help but once again comment that I have not found such a profound book of inspiration, insight, and understanding of church growth as well written and pertinent to our church ministry as this one. Having been an assistant pastor for one year and a bivocational (full-time volunteer) pastor going into my 18th year, this book is a must read. In addition, it provides a challenge for us to, at the very least, try and implement whenever or wherever possible. I only wish that Book II will come out as soon as possible!



### Alumni Reunion 2006

By plane, by train, by car....come to the Alumni Reunion on Saturday, May 20th, the day of the UTS Sports and Culture Festival. It will be a wonderful day to reconnect with old friends and an opportunity to see many of the current activities of UTS. Look for more information coming soon, and reserve the day on your calendars.

#### David SC Kim presents UTS Historical Videos

The following are available in VHS or DVD for a \$40 donation, the proceeds of which will fund the special projects of David Kim.

#### **UTS Inaugural Convocation 1975 produced by Lloyd Eby** **UTS First graduation 1977 produced by Lee Shapiro**

Contributions by check should be made out to "IOWC" and are tax-exempt. Send to IOWC, PO Box 1755, Poughkeepsie, NY 12601. Please indicate preferred format (tape or DVD).

#### Quality Quote:

Wise words (unattributed) on a plaque in a guest room:

*"Quality is never an accident; It is always the result of high intention, sincere effort, intelligent direction and skillful execution; it represents the wise choice of many alternatives"*



### Barrytown Trails Project

The UTS Trails project made the news in both the Daily Freeman and the Poughkeepsie Journal newspapers. "We've been working for about eight months to get this approved," Henry Christopher, the seminary's director of community relations and admissions, said. "We're showing the community we want to be more involved and that we have a lot more to offer."

To read the stories check out the links:

[http://www.dailyfreeman.com/site/index.cfm?newsid=16284048&BRD=1769&PAG=461&dept\\_id=74969&rfi=8](http://www.dailyfreeman.com/site/index.cfm?newsid=16284048&BRD=1769&PAG=461&dept_id=74969&rfi=8)

and

<http://www.poughkeepsiejournal.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20060314/NEWS01/603140311/1006>

Congratulations - and special thanks to Henry Christopher (UTS '80) for his tireless efforts.



Signing of the UTS trails easement agreement at the Red Hook Town Hall. Left to right: Marirose Blum Bump, Red Hook Town Supervisor, President Sally Mazzarella, Winnakee Land Trust, Dr. Tyler Hendricks, UTS President.



Lagoon: View of South Tivoli Bay from Father's Trail.

*"Only two things are needed to be successful. First, decide exactly what it is you want. Most people never do that.*

*Second, determine the price you're going to have to pay to get it, and then resolve to pay the price."*

*- H.L. Hunt*