

## **I served the Unification Theological Seminary for the twenty years of 1974 - 1994**

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Sometime after coming to the United States, I realized that Americans would not easily accept the new and revolutionary teachings of Divine Principle. My two years of pioneering experience in Britain taught me that acceptance of our message would be hindered by the deep-rooted mainline Christian doctrine. The fact that our message comes from the Orient and the racial prejudices Westerners had towards underdeveloped nations like Korea only further exacerbated the difficulties. However, since Japan was gaining on America and the Western world industrially, I saw that the time was coming for Americans to pay attention to Oriental cultures and traditions, including its new religious movements.

Therefore, I thought that education and tradition based on the Unification Principle must be developed. Our primary goal in America should be to train and educate American leaders for the future. In 1973, therefore, I suggested to True Father to start a seminary. Since the pioneer missionary days were over, our new direction was to train and educate the next generation of leaders.

I served as president of the Unification Theological Seminary (UTS) for the twenty years of 1974-1994, when I retired. We began preparations for UTS in 1974, but the institution actually had its official launch the following year. The seminary offered a strong and diverse curriculum. In addition to more traditional classes such as New Testament, Old Testament, World Religions and Counseling, UTS established a Korean language program that continues today. UTS succeeded in developing graduate level Unification Studies, courses in topics such as Unification Thought, the Life of Sun Myung Moon, the Unification Worldview and Divine Principle. I set up many traditions at the seminary that I had learned from Father in Korea and in America, and those traditions carry on. These accomplishments were not made by myself alone but with the guidance of True Parents and the assistance of others such as Dr. Edwin Ang and Dr. Therese Stewart.

Numerous seminars and conferences, sponsored by the Unification Theological Seminary or organized by its graduates, have been held internationally. Our True Father has poured millions of dollars into these programs, sowing seeds of true love from our Heavenly Father and True Parents. Now, we are harvesting the fruits of that labor.

I am very glad and take great pride that I served at the Unification Theological Seminary for twenty years (1974-1994) to train future leaders of our movement. Among these leaders are more than thirty-six UTS graduates who have received their Ph.Ds from distinguished universities throughout the world, and are now serving our True Parents, the nation of America and the world in academic and religious areas.

It excited me to be involved in the war between God's side and Satan's side. As a heavenly general, I led

our heavenly troops, marching through all fifty states of the United States during the 1970s. I felt like David smiting Goliath, the enemy of the Israelites, when we proclaimed Divine Principle in each state and city.



I am still inspired by our True Father's concept of IOWC and its goal to influence and save the entire world. I continue to carry out small projects in the name of IOWC: publication of the Day of Hope in Review series and other books, and radio broadcasts of "The Unification Hour" and "True Love Journey." "The Unification Hour" has been airing for the past twenty-two years in the Hudson Valley area. In 1993, we started airing another program called "True Love Journey" proclaiming the identity of True Parents, teaching the meaning and significance of the worldwide blessings, and reaching out to the Christian community as well as communities of other faiths. As vice president of the Unification Thought Institute (UTI) of America I helped publish UTI books and set up a club for the intensive study of Unification Thought. Sadly, Dr. Sang Hun Lee, president of the Unification Thought Institute, passed away suddenly on March 24, 1997. It was my privilege to work with the late Dr. Lee who had such a deep knowledge of Father's message. I admired tremendously his power to systemize Unification Thought into a framework for easy comprehension.

Without any church support, I continue to keep the spirit of IOWC that True Father established in the 1970s, waiting for my successor to appear before I depart to Heaven. It has been most exciting to be a spiritual commander in God's providence centering on True Parents while battling for Satan's territory.

As UTS president, I did my best to set up a tradition for our movement worldwide and for the next generation. The thirty-six blessed couples are already physically old and must pass the torch to the next generation. Some are already gone. This is a part of the natural law of the universe. The next generation, like that of Joshua and Caleb in Moses' time, are the hope of God and True Parents.