## Which Moonie FB site should I follow? - an Open Letter to UM members on FB

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The following is being posted on the various UM Facebook sites I have recently joined in order to determine the quality of responses I get. That, in turn, will decide which site(s) to give my limited time to because there are just too few hours in the day to spend reading the various postings and comments across the 8 different UM sites. Enlightening as quite a few of these can be to read, there is also the frustration of wading through others which range from the banal and rude/crude to the happy-clappy, 'head in the sand' type comments.

My deliberate use of the word 'Moonie' in the heading is intended to drive home the point that we should no longer be a 'house divided', since we are all Moonies in people's eyes whether we are in the pro-H1, pro-H2 or pro-TM camps, or whatever other breakaway groups there are out there. It is now over 1000 days since Father's ascension and this is not a time for internal navel-gazing and factional in-fighting. It may seem unfortunately inevitable when any great leader departs the earth, but God is not happy with these unnecessary schisms now happening. I am tempted to say 'a plague on all your houses' as I go it alone out on the streets of London with my witnessing banner – <a href="https://www.TerenceMalley.com">www.TerenceMalley.com</a>



Instinctively, I am pro-Mother because that's the way we have all being raised spiritually, in my case close to 40 years. I cannot see Father's picture without also wishing to see Mother's face next to him. I am, frankly, not interested in any so-called theological truisms being pushed my way, no matter which camp they come from. I get my teaching directly from God when I am out there on the streets with my banner. As God's representatives on earth, we are all charged to spread Father's legacy far and wide as the tribal messiahs we are now supposed to be. The concept of True Parents is not all heart, nor is it all mind, it is a combination of both. We need to encourage all Archangel figures, no matter what camp, to back off and give the True Family some breathing space to sort through their issues and move the legacy forward for us all to unite around.

Coming back to my question of which FB site both enlightens and inspires me, well none at this moment. However, I would welcome some feedback on other members' experiences and what works well for them because I would rather narrow all of the following 8 sites down to just 2 or 3. Over a month ago, the 'My Unification Church' site (1667 members – closed pro-TM group) posted a very pleasing photo of TP, HJN(H2) and family sitting together at a restaurant table, all beaming towards the camera. When I raised an SC concern about the quality of leadership surrounding Mother, and had some exchanges with others on this, within a short time this posting got taken off the site, including the photo. What this displays to me is a seemingly entrenched stance not to countenance any alternative voice to any concerns about the stewardship of our movement. So be it, but I may not be spending too much time on it, unless of course I

get blocked by its administrator.

Here are some other sites I recently joined but also not sure if I'll spend too much time visiting them, although all are good for downloading pictures of TP and for listening to occasional speeches posted. (Membership numbers are as provided on 5th of June 2015)

- 1. 'Unification Movement Europe' 74 members pro-TM closed group. Postings seem to be once every 3 months or so. Looks OK for the Europeans among us.
- 2. 'The Messiah is Here!' 185 members pro-TM public group.
- 3. 'Legacy' 285 members closed group putting out pro-TM and pro-HJN content.
- 4. 'I refuse to believe that Father really wants us to point our fingers at HJN and accuse him of not being united with Father' 267 members pro-HJN closed group. No wonder, with a mouthful of a title like that, that it no longer seems to operate. When I asked, I was told that the 'Legacy' group is more active, so I left this group.
- 5. 'A critical look at the Divine Principle' 287 members closed group, both pro-TM and pro-HJN. Postings and comments are sparse but interesting to read.
- 6. 'One Family of Divine Human Beings' 2351 members public group that appears to emphasise spirituality and Reiki Gong than religious content. Many UC members appear to have joined. Set up by a charismatic looking chap named Philip Sobel Love aka Philip Loveless. Not sure if it's my cup of tea though.
- 7. 'The UC and the Truth etc.' 2010 members listed as a 'secret group' pro-HJN.

OK, it's this last group that interests me because it does not appear to operate a censorship policy, as far as I can see. It is distinctly pro-HJN and pro-Sanctuary Church but appears to allow both postings and comments from pro-Mother followers. Such is the popularity of this site that I notice that a great number of its members are actually in the pro-Mother camp – why is that – perhaps because it seems to be the only open forum site where they are able to engage in open discourse on issues facing our movement. The only drawback to this site is that it can be very time-consuming reading some of the posts and comments – I recently saw a posting on whether Mother should be sitting in Father's seat receive over 1000 comments – admittedly, not the norm but it did leave me with a bit of a headache trying to grasp the opposing points being put across.



At the end of the day, I guess it is just down to one's personal choice of what site inspires and enlightens and what site leaves one with a gaping sense of wasted time that could be more profitably spent out on the streets witnessing to Father's legacy. God knows, in these everdarkening times, that people out there desperately need us to be one united front, and I include all of Father's children including H1.

Does 'The UC and the Truth' at least allow for a healthy exchange of views between the two camps – not really because there is a lot of repetition of the same entrenched and opposing views and it seems 'never the twain shall meet'. If there is any value to you reading this posting, it is with the hope that all future contributors hold back from posting comments, which may not have been thought through enough, and to refrain from abusive expressions and insults. The expression 'less heat and more light' comes to mind here.

Personally, I have one foot in both camps – not by sitting on the fence but in seeking for ways to bring both sides together again so that reason and common sense can prevail and we can move Father's legacy forward and not implode from within. Would that we had one site that can serve our collective needs then I would be among the first to join.