



UTS CORNERSTONE — A NEWSLETTER FOR UTS ALUMNI AND FRIENDS

**ALWAYS TRY TO DO YOUR BEST AT EVERYTHING.**

*Make it your life rule of living to always do your best. It's your constant effort to be first-class in everything you attempt that will help you conquer the heights of excellence. Let superiority become your trademark.*

*Do a little more each day than you think you possibly can. There is always a best way of doing everything. Find it. Do a little more than average and from that point on your progress multiplies itself out of all proportion to the effort you put out.*

*Do more than you're supposed to do and you can or be or do or have anything you want. If you want to enjoy enduring success, try traveling a little in advance of the rest of the world. Your greatness will come from being great in the little things.*

Sam Maitz - Leadership Management International

**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." Additionally: the views and opinions expressed within do not necessarily represent those of UTS, UTS AA, its faculty, administration or its supporters. The UTS AA Newsletter seeks to promote robust, healthy, productive and authentic dialogue for the sake of honest self-reflection and responsible improvement"

**In Two Minds**

Robin Graham

My father, a former food retailer, would take me with him to the store and explain the different "qualities" of food. I remember him describing the canned fruit. There was "standard", "quality" and then top of the line "fancy". When shopping with my mother, I noticed how she felt the fabric of the clothes. I found out that the better the quality of the material it usually meant a higher price tag. How and what to choose?

Seeking to understand such issues led me to pursue economics at undergraduate level. I still enjoy discovering the value of a thing, or an experience. For instance, what is the value of a 20-carat diamond versus a glass of water to a thirst parched man in the desert? Answer: the water wins.

The question of value is also discovered in the parable of the lost sheep. If the shepherd has 99 sheep, but still goes after the lost one, then its value must be great. What is Jesus trying to tell us? If God is willing to pursue the 100th person, then how valuable is that person? Do we value ourselves that much? Do we see such value in others?

Studying economics helped me think. Thinking straight certainly helps to clear the mind. Speaking of straightening and clarity, I have been consistently puzzled by the mind-body unity topic. Whenever I hear that the mind and body are not united, I have to think that is not really correct, the body does follow the mind. The real problem is not the body, it is the mind. The mind is divided, and it can be hard to choose. The body follows whichever way the mind goes, even following a confused mind. To have a confused mind presents the most difficult hurdle. Revelations 3:15-16 reminds us to be hot or cold, but not lukewarm. Choose one or the other, but do not be tepid or indifferent.

Economics teaches that choices come at a cost and that as the decision-maker each of us is at the center of the transaction. The cost involved determines the quality or quantity of goods and services that we can afford. A clearer understanding of economics can help us reach a better decision. Conversely, a lack of clarity may also hide the fact that there are other costs involved, not material at all, but which can have a dramatic and long term substantial impact. When we are not happy with a choice; when we feel that we have been pressured, or rushed into a decision, we can begin to second guess ourselves; we return to being "in two minds" about the choice. The costs may be counted in all kinds of stress, anxiety and discomfort. When we are in this realm of indecision it can feel as if you don't fit within your skin.

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I have felt my body literally squirm, surely a sign of a struggling mind. That feeling of discomfort can spread, even affecting the people around. Such uncertainty is palpable.

So what to learn? I think that we can learn that in conditions of scarcity, with insufficient money to be carefree about alternatives, or with little free time to spend on activities, we have to make wise choices. Wise economically. Wise philosophically. Wise, in that the implications are clear, and that the value of the item purchased, or the activity experienced is well understood. Wise enough to make sure that the money, time or effort is exchanged freely, with no hidden strings of regret or uncertainty. We need to live in the present, free to take responsibility for decisions made, and not second guess the decision after the fact. This may sound easy enough, but poor decision-making skills are common. There can be inertia and fear; problems may compound quickly. First, there can be a failure to clarify which direction to follow and why; and second, a failure to be content with the choice. Choices are often made without enough information, or because of outside persuasion. Both set the stage for future U-turns and uncertainty; and the luke-warm world of ineffectiveness. The Saturday morning cartoons may only present half of the story with the good angel and the bad angel on either side of the character's head. A more conflicted situation is when the poor character reaches no decision at all.

In many organizations we find that when we cannot make up our mind, someone else will certainly decide for us! That can provide an immediate solution, but it is a short term answer and does not necessarily develop the personal growth and capacity to build healthy relationships and society. This is the equivalent of perpetuating a pattern of indecision; never growing up. Such wavering ("of two minds") remains costly and the costs, both hidden and real, always escalate. We have all been in the kind of meetings where decisions cannot be reached, or if they are reached they are then "second-guessed". Time can be lost, frustrations rise, people abandon ship. These costs do not always get entered on the financial balance sheets, but are real nevertheless.

I was fortunate to go through deprogramming about 30 years ago. What it taught me was a lesson on the journey of taking responsibility for my decisions. I learned many facts from the deprogrammers which had not been taught in the workshops or in Unification Church centers. The deprogrammers tried to convince me that I had been taken in, and that key information was being withheld to get me to play along with the leaders. I felt like a soldier stationed in a concentration death-camp in World War II dealing with the moral dilemma of obeying orders. I escaped, but I think I was deprogrammed. I lost my youthful innocence. I was pushed to become single-minded.

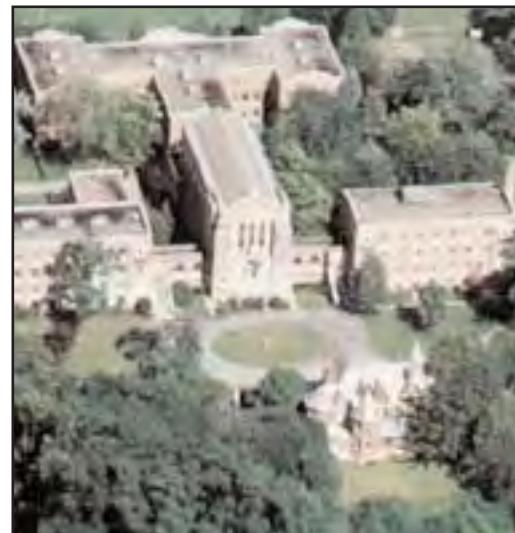
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## **Gillian Corcoran Named Associate Director of Alumni Relations**

Gillian Corcoran (UTS '85) is originally from England, and has a BA in Education. Gillian has lived in the US for 26 years. Gillian, her husband Chris (UTS '86) and their two children (Caroline 16, Matthew 12) live in Red Hook, Chris' home town area. (He was born in Rhinebeck and baptized in Barrytown).

Since moving back to hometown in 1996, Gillian has been blessed with the opportunity to serve in various positions at UTS, including Admissions Director, Dean of Students, gardener, builder and keeper of the labyrinth, and now in Alumni Relations.

"Our family loves and is deeply committed to UTS," says Gillian, "we are so fortunate that it is part of our hometown ministry. It has been especially wonderful to open the labyrinth to the public. Many people from the surrounding community now come frequently to UTS and enjoy the beautiful grounds."



*"We are what we repeatedly do.  
Excellence then, is not an act, but a habit."*

Aristotle



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## FRIENDS CORNER

*E-Cornerstone begins a new column with this September issue. E-Cornerstone is read by a growing community of UTS alumni and friends. Friends of UTS now have the opportunity to share, to inspire, and, yes, to provoke. This issue we welcome a longtime UTS friend, Jack LaValley. Please forward articles to [alumni@uts.edu](mailto:alumni@uts.edu)*

### Face the Inevitable-Now

Before you and I spend some time together in this issue of E-Cornerstone, I want to get a few things out into plain sight-right away. So let me say to you straight up that during the past several years my perspectives and attitudes have undergone a dramatic reorientation concerning my relationship to the Divine Principle teaching and with the Unification Church (UC) founder, Rev. Moon. This process has been very challenging and at times extremely unpleasant and painful. Reevaluating one's religious faith and belief system is always a most arduous and, at times, downright nasty task.

At one point in my spiritual life I was reluctant to harbor doubts or questions concerning Rev. Moon's pronouncements of how God's Providence must unfold and what I must do in order for a peaceful world to emerge. I am no longer reluctant to question or doubt, and I am moving toward an understanding that God is not concerned about my personal religious beliefs one bit. It has been a painful process for me to accept a growing realization-starting some twenty years ago-that in practice the North American UC has slowly moved further and further away from the idea of "devoting one's life to the intentional pursuit of continuous spiritual enlightenment and personal transformation." It is my firm conviction that if there is a need for the North American UC, organizationally, to survive and thrive in the future, it must undergo significant, fundamental transformative change-now. I suggest this fundamental change is inevitable and we need to seek out this change now and not seek to avoid it

#### Recent Dialogue

In a recent conversation with President Hendricks, I brought to his attention the plight of an American-born and bred Christian sect, The Worldwide Church, started in the 1930's by the late Herbert W. Armstrong. Lessons from their situation could be instructive for the future development of the UC in North America. This church grew steadily in size and prominence so that by the late 1980's, it was claiming 150,000 members, hundreds of local churches, three major church college campuses (two in America and one in England), and an operating annual budget of 270 million dollars. Then, in 1986, the founder died and over the next ten years the Church was faced with tumultuous debate, conflict, and fragmentation, resulting in the membership declining to around 30,000, the closing and selling of all three pivotal college campuses, the formation of dozens of splinter churches, and yearly tithing reduced by more than 65 per cent. (A full account of this story can be found on the church's official web site <http://www.wcg.org>). It appears that

the basis of the conflict and reorientation of the Church revolved around the new church leadership's willingness to openly discuss (after the founder's passing) and eventually change major doctrines, rules, and regulations regarded as key church requirements for membership and salvation. Such fundamental changes hurt and angered many of the leaders and members who had been abiding by these long-held beliefs and church regulations for decades.

#### Reorientation

There are strong indicators the way is being prepared for the UC to accelerate straight into a vortex of major reorientation. Back in 1999, Dr. Fredrick Sontag (long-time friend of the church and author of the book, Sun Myung Moon and the Unification Church) published an article for the UTS Journal of Unification Studies, in which he carefully calls into consideration the contrast between the UC religious ideal and actual practice. He expresses the hope that meaningful dialogue can be generated within the UC community, to begin to address some of the apparent disparity between the religious ideals and actual practice of the church. (<http://www.uts.edu/publica/theory.php>)

In April 2005 a spiritual retreat was held in upstate New York to address the question of the church's identity, function, and role in American society and within the personal lives of adherents. This retreat was an inspired, grass roots initiative facilitated by a small group of like-minded Unificationists living in the Northeast. In July 2005, a group of concerned parents from Arizona and New Mexico drafted a declaration statement articulating the values, principles, and practices they consider important to uphold and live by as Unificationists. Over the past several months a dialogue thread on the UTS web site indicates that many Unificationists are seriously pondering the meaning, role, and relevancy of the UC in their own lives and in relation to the larger society. Hyung jin Moon's recent publishing of the book, The Bald Head and the Strawberry, and his spiritual retreat held at UTS in August 2005 emphasizing meditation and self-reflection are also-in my opinion-indicators of this quiet, subtle, yet profound emerging voice that is calling the UC in North America to get ready for a major reorientation in both principle and practice.

#### Some Things to Consider

There are many thoughtful and sympathetic-to-the-cause Unificationists (I am one) who deeply desire fulfilling and meaningful spirituality in their lives. Yet, when they look closely at the

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recent focus of the national UC organization, they are neither very inspired nor impressed. Many continue to have serious reservations have about how "out of touch" and insular the church seems to be in relation to mainstream American trends in religion and spirituality. In addition, recent ritualistic practices and other-worldly church teachings imported from Korea to American soil raise questions about the future character and flavor of what it will mean to be a practicing Unificationist in American society.

I think that the national headquarter's leadership team is still unclear about what the North American, religiously-based UC organization will look like in the future in both principle and practice. On one level we need not worry about this too much because whatever the "church" does or does not do need not affect our behavior, attitude, and lifestyle. However, a very relevant concern for North American Unificationists ought to be: What uniquely American, religiously-based organizational expression (if any) will adequately represent in principle and practice the cherished ideals of like-minded Unificationists, and also reflect the most worthy aspects of Rev. Moon's profound message about God and how to live in relationship with nature and all humankind ?

It is my conviction that UTS needs to play a pivotal role in helping to answer this question and also needs to help clarify and articulate the principles and practices most closely reflective of North American Unificationist sentiments and aspirations. UTS is the only organized intellectual arm of our movement here in America, and is therefore uniquely positioned to address and even help to resolve these issues. In the spirit of preserving the best of what Rev. Moon has shared with the American people about God, love, and how to live life, etc., I'd like to offer the following suggestions to UTS:

- 1. Launch a formal project to understand, both comprehensively and intuitively, what the UC will look like in principle and practice after the founder is no longer with us.**
- 2. Begin a series of broad-based and bottom up investigations to explore, identify, and articulate the essential ideals and practices from within the Unification tradition that best represent what it means to "be a practicing Unificationist in American society**
- 3. Require all seminarians to read the book, Gratefulness, the Heart of Prayer by Brother David Steindl-Rast.**
- 4. Require seminary students to formally study Freud's theory of religion.**

It is my hope that UTS can help to smooth the waters and shine the guiding light of clarity and acuity into all that has become foggy and muddled within the beautiful and worthy aspects of

Unification tradition and practice in America. Each of us will need to muster up the courage of our own convictions as God leads and guides us to share our unique gift with others. This is my on-going task. I have much to learn and experience and I welcome any response to this brief expression of my heart and mind.



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*If you want to be prosperous for a year, grow grain. If you want to be prosperous for ten years, grow trees. If you want to be prosperous for a lifetime, grow people.*

- Proverb



## "Making a Foundation" best be a Habit

by Don Sardella

Reverend Jenkins, during a fairly recent speech in Arizona, reminded Unificationists of something Reverend Moon once said. *"If you want to effectively win Americans, you've got to do what they can do, better than they can."* In addition to having a well-intended heart, we are also talking about having a higher standard of performance and excellence.

Sounds like a call to condition ourselves for the next level. The meter is running - the clock is ticking. With God's love in our hearts, what shall we do to expand the Kingdom?

Are We Successfully Creating a Culture of True Love?

Are We Effectively Modeling and Advocating Heavenly Kingdom Traditions?

I remember Reverend Kwak saying, *"If Reverend Moon knows anything, he knows that no good comes from mere intentions. Good can only result from personal investment, heartfelt self-sacrifice, and systematic and principled actions."*

(Feb 27, 1999 - Wash DC)

I suggest we visit the following two questions. What is a foundation? What is a habit?

Let's start by exploring what a foundation might include. For many, the term "foundation" describes the underpinnings of a person's life and includes the following:

1. Establishing Clear Parameters for Living
2. Maintaining High Standards
3. Nurturing Healthy Relationships
4. Resolving any past-oriented Issues
5. Having one's Personal Needs entirely satisfied
6. Taking full responsibility for what happens to you
7. Orienting around your principles and values

Most of us have a degree of the above life components, but a rock-solid Personal Foundation ups the ante. We might want to double or triple the quantity and quality of the above items. To do this, we'll need to take better care of ourselves, so we have more resources from which to give. It's a bit like going to the gym to build strength and tone your body. You sweat and when done properly, you feel better and there is a net gain. You have more energy for the rest of the day. Having a solid foundation improves our ability and our capacity to serve as leaders for a greater purpose.

Why is a strong Personal Foundation worthwhile to develop? Several reasons:

1. You need a strong foundation if you wish to accomplish a lot in life, just as a skyscraper needs a deeper foundation than a home. The higher one goes, the more they need the stability that a foundation affords. If you are building a great life, you want it to be strong enough to handle the surprises and problems that you encounter. With a strong Personal Foundation, you can weather almost any personal or Providential storm.
2. Strong Foundations have synergy and synchronicity as their norm, not the exception.
3. You'll find that you'll be more in tune with yourself and your gifts. You will be able to be your authentic self and create traditions that are rewarding, fulfilling and inspiring.

How does one strengthen their Personal Foundation? By working on the components listed earlier. For many, building a Foundation is the turning point in their lives, or the springboard to the next level. As in a gym, we can condition and strengthen ourselves.

That said about Foundations, what can we say about Habits, the foundation of Destiny?

*"I am your constant companion. I am your greatest or heaviest burden. I will push you onward or drag you down to failure. I am completely at your command. Half the things you do you might just as well turn over to me and I will be able to do them quickly and correctly."*

*"I am easily managed-you must merely be firm with me. Show me exactly how you want something done and after a few lessons I will do it automatically. I am the servant of all great men; and alas, of all failures, as well Those who are great, I have made great. Those who are failures, I have made failures."*

*"I am not machine, though I work with all the precision of a machine plus the intelligence of a man. You may run me for a profit or run me for ruin-it makes no difference to me."*

*"Take me, train me, be firm with me, and I will place the world at your feet. Be easy with me and I will destroy you. WHO AM I? I AM HABIT!!"*

- Anonymous

First we have habits, then habits have us. As Brian Tracy says in Forming Good Habits:

*"Changing habits that are no longer consistent with your higher purposes is one of the hardest things you'll ever do, and one of the most essential to the quality of your life."*

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**"Making a Foundation"**

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*Remember, bad habits are easy to form, but hard to live with; good habits are hard to form but easy to live with. Your job is to form good habits and make them your masters."*

- from Maximum Achievement, Brian Tracy

For Heaven's sake, we all are challenged everyday with choices that relate to Kingdom Building and Creating a World of Love - one of those choices could be "*Making a Foundation*" a Habit - a choice that could shape and influence every other major choice

What might be some key suggestions for going beyond our history (going past our past?) and making our principles/values our core traditions/practices? What's holding us back from better fulfilling God's Providence? To do something we have never done before, we need to become someone we've never been before - this all takes tremendous energy.

If our actions and our behaviors are going to match our principles, values and goals, it's likely to take more than our own power to ramp up - we need the equivalents of a gym, where we can work out and develop, preferably with personal trainers/focused coaches.

I personally have concluded that I will not take on project responsibility without a network of support to make it as fun, synergistic and productive as possible - including an abundance of training and an involved community experience. Given the historical role of mastermind groups, this is what has always worked best - no question about it.

This includes additional training and development - and for many these are missing in their lives --- but even if we train and develop to the teeth, it will still be a battle and a process - it takes energy and effort to evolve - additionally, there is no guarantee how it will all work out - so what are we waiting for? Time for a quickening of the heart.

On the other hand, one thing is pretty certain - if we do not effectively immerse ourselves and continuously condition ourselves to be the best people and leaders we can be, we are likely to come up way short and seriously insufficient to the challenges at hand. I suggest we minimize leaving it all to chance and make the best effort and best conditions we can.

Back on July 8th, 1973, in Tokyo, Japan, Reverend Moon said: "There is no substitute for training. Don't depend on miracles to bring about restoration.

We also need training-not random training, but well-planned and practical training.

The words I like are "single-mindedness" and "at the risk of one's life."



So what can we meaningfully do about all this? As one brother recently wrote me:

*"I respond to specific and focused examples rather than the broad, general principles. I have worked for an organization where I felt totally responsible for the organization without a network of support, no fun, no synergy, and little productivity. What specifically does one do in such a case?"*

The following set of suggestions could be a start:

**#1) Leaders are readers. Read daily for at least 60 minutes. Start with "The 8th Habit"**

**#2) Listen to audio books - visit [www.nightingale.com](http://www.nightingale.com), for an extensive library of ideas.**

**#3) Join or start a Mastermind Group of people who share a common focus and purpose.**

**#4) Take all the training you can get - go to [www.franklincovey.com](http://www.franklincovey.com) for initial ideas.**

**#5) Find a mentor or peer coach (or to possibly hire a coach - [www.coachfederation.org](http://www.coachfederation.org))**

So, what are we reading? Who are we hanging out with, listening to & dialoguing with? About what? If you would like some specific suggestions, more tailored to best fit your situation, email me. Better yet, if you have some great suggestions in the form of books, audios, workshops, programs, coaches and mentors, please let us all know the good word.

Myself and several other UTS Alumni/Friends have attended the CEO Ministry Workshop (I plan to attend again and again). I have heard great testimony about its value and relevance for our lives, our missions and our ministries. Given that a fall series of workshops around the US is about to start, you may want to visit their website, [www.ministryinstitute.org](http://www.ministryinstitute.org), and see if there is one near you. I've found their programs to be an excellent supplement. I believe we are being "called" and "challenged" to look at such supportive resources, to help us all grow.

**We are saying that "Making a Foundation" best be a Habit - what do you say we do?**

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## 2005 Alumni Reunion Led by the Class of 1980

by Jim Borer

The UTS alumni met for dinner in the Large Conference Dining Room the evening before commencement. Don Archer, two of his children, Henry Christopher, Willis Witter, Charles Donaldson, Robin Graham, Gillian Corcoran and Chris Corcoran attended. They were joined by Mrs. Betsy Jones and Mrs. Nora Spurgin, both of whom were living on the campus while the Class of 1980 attended UTS.

After dinner there was a late night talk in the student lounge with Don Archer, Jim Borer, Charles Donaldson, and Robin Graham. Dr. Billings also joined for a short time. This brought back memories of the theological discussions amongst students and professors of 25 years ago. A great time; we were all reluctant to get to sleep.

On Saturday a 6 a.m. Labyrinth walk was followed by breakfast. Over breakfast June Kiburz, her daughter Mika, Jolanda Jansen, Gillian Corcoran, Robin Graham, Charles Donaldson, Annie Hapeman (formerly Mary Moriarty), Chad Hoover, Jim Borer, Rachel Carter and Willis Witter shared 1980 Class bios and pictures. Fond memories were shared about Mary Lou Bliss, Monte Vianale and Mark Wilencik, our dear classmates who have passed on. During the breakfast, everyone shared stories, experiences, poems, prayers and promises. This was a very wonderful bonding time. June Kiburz's daughter Mika, a film major, videoed conversations, conducted interviews, and is producing a report of her parents' association with the Unification movement.

After Commencement several alumni went to hear Father speak in New York. Others shared lunch together in the festive atmosphere near the stage. Among the highlights were meetings with Mrs. Therese Stewart and Dr. McMahon. The Class of 1980 was also joined by Howie Callies, UTS groundskeeper, a familiar face from 25 years ago.



Alumni then took walks on the trails, continued conversations, or visited friends in the neighborhood. Almost everyone came back together at the Corcoran's house around dinner time. We continued to talk, laugh, cry and share. A very moving time was had by all. Annie Hapeman returned from New York late in the evening with a report on Father's speech.

The group agreed to "do this again next year."





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**ALUMNI REUNION 2005****- A LETTER -**

It was a picture perfect day when Robin Graham, his daughter Kascia Marie and I approached the rear entrance of UTS campus, with Willis Witter in tow, to attend our 25th seminary reunion. We had taken the scenic Taconic Parkway from Irvington, NY, putting me in a very adventurous mood even after very little sleep from the night before. Interestingly as well, our first encounter was Howie, Lawn Carist, a dear old friend and musician, who had pulled his truck over near the rear exit to look up the name of a tree. He expressed that the identity was overdue.

Arriving on campus without any security hassle was reason enough to stay. While the rest of America (not to mention the world) grows more and more paranoid with each rising sun, the moon sets on a very insular but most welcoming UTS campus. I love it. I had very little expectation for the reunion, but was greeted and embraced over the weekend with a new found love and respect for the returning graduates. Jim Borer, Don Archer, June Kiburz, Yolanda, Patricia and Robin Graham and others, collectively contributed to this realization.

The most overwhelming experience was time spent walking the Labyrinth designed by Gillian Corcoran. Having grown quite disenchanted with the UC's religious and political views since 1986, a startling revelation occurred upon reflecting during my Labyrinth stroll: If I am to be involved in any manner with the UC or UTS, it must be a relationship that supports and allows creative and present active knowingness. As revelations go, understanding what that really means is an ongoing process. I do know that love, respect and support have been my primary motives in life's quest. Perhaps the same may be said of any continuing or future involvement with the seminary. Time will tell.

I have since returned to walk the Labyrinth again.

*Charles Donaldson (UTS'80)*

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## Barrytown Trails Project Report

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This past spring, Howie Callies, the UTS groundskeeper and I kept running into each other. At the post office, in the cafeteria, and out on the campus grounds. Our conversations were about farming, nature or the beautiful campus; about how, after 30 years, the local population still regarded UTS as a strange outfit.

Around this time, I had been walking Father's trail, exploring the 250-acre campus and enjoying the flowers, the birds, the deer, and the other animals, plus the beautiful sunsets over the Hudson River and the Catskill Mountains.

On one of those occasions, I discovered some trails that began by the carp pond, and circled around through the woods to the east field and came back to the pond. Howie told me he had been maintaining these trails for 25 years or more. He used them as paths to get from one area of the campus to another on his tractor.

We both agreed that it would be a great thing to open the UTS trails to the public as a way to serve the Red Hook community. President Hendricks liked the idea and the Barrytown Trails Project was born.

When we invited the Town Supervisor and her Red Hook Trails committee members to a barbecue by the pond, to officially open the trails, we discovered there was an even more exciting project underway that we could link up with.

The national organization, Greenways, working with local county groups, has proposed and is putting together a Hudson River Trail. This starts up around Albany and goes along the river to near NYC, connecting with existing trails along the way, such as the trail between President Franklin D. Roosevelt's estate and the Vanderbilt estate in Hyde Park.

Since the barbecue this spring, the Red Hook Town Supervisor has helped us contact some very prominent and influential community leaders in Dutchess County, whom we now meet with regularly. They are all excited and grateful that UTS is willing to open its exceptionally pristine and natural trails to the public. They are also amazed that Rev. Moon's seminary, always considered such an odd place, "one which never seemed too interested in local affairs" is now actively teaming up with the town and local organizations to make this dream a reality.

The fact that President Theodore Roosevelt frequently stayed at the former Massena Mansion during his childhood, now

UTS property, adds a great deal of interest to our section of the Greenway trails project. We have named Howie's tractor paths the Theodore Roosevelt Trails. Research has revealed that at the age of nine, young "Teedie" Roosevelt began his life-long diaries on the first day of a three week stay at the Massena House. He began his famous insect, bird and mammal collection on the grounds, which later became one of the first collections in the Museum of Natural History in NYC, founded by his father. He also enjoyed swimming and boating on the lagoon where True Father taught UTS students to fish for carp.

We encourage everyone to visit the UTS campus, to walk these historic grounds, to have a picnic by the pond, and enjoy God's creation. We also welcome any ideas or suggestions as to how we can further serve the community.



"Picnic to celebrate the opening of the  
Theodore Roosevelt Trails"

*The credit belongs to the man who is actually in the arena; whose face is marred by dust and sweat and blood; who strives valiantly; who errs and comes short again and again; who knows the great enthusiasms, the great devotions, and spends himself in a worthy cause; who at the best knows in the end the triumph of high achievement; and who at the worst, if he fails, at least fails while daring greatly...*

Theodore Roosevelt



UTS CORNERSTONE — A NEWSLETTER FOR UTS ALUMNI AND FRIENDS

## The Shawn Byrne Memorial Scholarship for Interfaith Leadership

UTS President, Dr. Tyler Hendricks and the Office of Development have announced a new scholarship. The Shawn Byrne Memorial Scholarship is awarded annually to a second year student of UTS. Dr. Byrne was committed to bridging the divisions between religions through interfaith activities. The scholarship carries on the memory of Shawn Byrne, his love for UTS, and his love for inter-religious dialogue and action.

The scholarship reinforces the commitment that UTS has toward interfaith activities. UTS is an institution where all faiths can be shared and studied in a community of mutual respect and appreciation. Many UTS students are active in local communities, visiting and volunteering to work with different faith groups. The student selected will have demonstrated through their actions that they share the ideals of Dr. Byrne, and have helped to move UTS in that direction.

The scholarship is for \$500 and will be presented by Traudl Byrne, Dr. Byrne's wife. Traudl Byrne has been a constant supporter of UTS, and is well known to many of our alumni. She continues to live in the Rhinebeck area, and the UTS community is grateful to her and the Byrne family for their generosity.



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## THE CAMPAIGN FOR UTS

### A 5 Year Commitment

This is based upon the UTS 5 Year Strategic Plan. This strategic plan is revised and updated every year. The Campaign for UTS will give UTS the resources to position itself for the next 10 years of growth. The target goal is \$1.8 million over the next 5 years.

The Campaign was approved by the Board of Trustees in February 2005, and made public in June at the Alumni Reunion. It will begin in September 2005, to celebrate the 30th anniversary of the first convocation of the first UTS incoming class. It is also an indicator of alumni taking increased responsibility for UTS

### The Vision of Development at UTS

God is abundant. He created the world and remains faithful. In a reciprocal expression of faith and love, the alumni and friends of UTS give of their time, talents and treasure to reveal the Kingdom of Peace on earth

### The Mission of Development at UTS

To harness the resources needed to support UTS education, maintaining faith, spiritual growth and effective stewardship at the core of development and fund raising

### The Development Committee

Rev. Michael Jenkins, Chair of the Committee, Vice-Chairman of the Board

Mr. Farley Jones, Chairman of the Board

Rev. Michael Balcomb, Trustee

Robin Graham, UTS Director of Development

Goal: \$1.8 million by 2010. Start date: Sept 20th 2005