



## Letter from the President

Dear Alumni and Friends of UTS,

Through my visit to Los Angeles, San Diego and the San Francisco Bay Area in May, I found that UTS alumni and friends believe that there is an unrealized potential to develop in America. UTS is in a position to articulate and manifest this belief. Some do ask, is there a role for clergy, for spiritual leaders, in the movement's future? Is there a need for a seminary? This is a crucial question for UTS to answer. I believe that the answer is "Yes". I believe a core mission of UTS is to form people who can build God-centered communities of ideal families that reach out to unite others beyond race, nation, religion and culture, sharing with them the Blessing and the Principle.

I believe that a new generation of young people possesses the faith, hope and love sufficient to lead the Unification movement into the next century. Now is the time to inspire and educate this next generation of leadership. The purpose of the Young Oon Kim Scholarship Program is to provide this next generation with the funding necessary for their education. This is our central strategy for the preparation of young leaders: and will cost an estimated \$5.85 million between now and 2013. UTS is working with the FFWPU to develop the plan to provide internships and employment for them after graduation.

At this point we have five applications and five more in the pipeline, with 58 candidates in conversation about attending UTS. This is a significant result. They are signing up to come to UTS on the basis of our promises: that they will be fully funded, that UTS is a necessary educational prerequisite for Unification leadership, that the FFWPU will provide paid internships when they graduate, that UTS will provide a fine education that will equip them for success in the movement and in the wider society.

At UTS and National HQ we are committed to do our part, and we invite you to take part as well. When young people sign up, we need to fulfill the promise for

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## STUDENT ACTIVITIES

### UTS Sports and Culture Festival, May 20 2006

After days of downpours and anxious sky-watching, the morning of the Sports and Culture Festival (SCF) dawned rain-free. The weeks of preparation and hard work invested by the students, ably led by Student Body President Soon Tek Lim, came to fruition in numerous sports tournaments, musical and artistic displays held throughout the day for the community-at-large to enjoy.

Beginning with a ribbon-cutting ceremony for the official opening of Father's Trail as part of the Greenway Heritage Trail system (read more in the article on Henry Christopher), and the dedication of the land around the labyrinths as a Peace Sanctuary, the day continued with a wide variety of activities to suit all tastes.

A hard-played and exciting soccer tournament was won by Ulster Community College; a volley ball tournament, martial arts exhibition, live music by the UTS band, Jet KimChi, and a local Red Hook High School rock band, a Korean drumming demonstration, art and calligraphy exhibits and the concluding raffle and alumni BBQ, made for a day filled with much fun, family time and memory building. Thank you to all the students who worked so hard to make the day a success.



*Jet KimChi performing at the Sports and Cultural Festival*

#### 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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scholarship funding. So far, individuals have pledged about \$18,000, and actually given close to \$7000. We need to raise \$450,000 for 30 full-time students over the summer and fall-so we have just begun the process.

When you get this letter, please consider what you can invest for our future in America. A UTS degree opens doors for a young person within the Unification movement and beyond. We need your gift; we need to show our young people that their parents' generation stands behind this program and stands behind their future leadership of the movement in America.



*Sincerely,*

*Tyler Hendricks*

Gifts can be given by check made out to UTS, memo: YOK Scholarship Program mailed to Ping Yap, Finance Office, UTS 30 Seminary Drive, Barrytown, NY 12507.

To discuss monthly withdrawals, contact Ping at 845-752-3000 x235 or by e-mail at pinginusa@msn.com.

*Thank you!*



### "COMING HOME"

#### ALUMNI GATHERING AT THE UTS SPORTS AND CULTURE FESTIVAL

**The rays of the evening sun sinking behind the Catskill Mountains** reflected the golden glow of hearts reconnecting as some 30 alumni gathered in the student garden for a delicious BBQ following the UTS Sports and Culture Festival. For some it was their first return to UTS since 1978, for others it was a gathering at our "home away from home" as many alumni are fortunate to live and work at or close to UTS.

Wafts of the chicken, sausages and hamburgers being expertly cooked on the barbie by Chris Corcoran ('86) and Dennis Delaney ('92), stimulated the conversation as well as appetites, as alumni caught up with each others news and happenings.

Dr. Hendricks, having just returned from meeting some alumni in California, shared his realization of how precious it is to be within driving distance of UTS, to be able so easily to partake of the beauty of the atmosphere and environment. Other alumni shared their reminiscences of how much they appreciated their time at UTS, and how the seeds of the many lessons learned here continue to grow and blossom in their lives and work even now.

Special thanks go to Tamie Wilenchik ('78) for her outreach and organizational efforts. The New Jersey contingent, of which Tamie is part, were eager to return and build upon the momentum of this gathering to provide more opportunities for alumni to gather and create community locally.

Thanks to all for the donations received, especially those who gave a substantial amount toward the cost of the food. We look forward to our next gathering at UTS, and encourage your efforts to hold local alumni gatherings in your area.

*(Robin Graham was in the Ukraine at the time of the reunion, but his spirit and heart of love and concern for each one were felt despite his not being present.)*



*UTS Alumni gather for the UTS Sports and Cultural Festival*



## The Annual Fund

With graduation just around the corner, as Director of UTS Alumni Relations and Development I ask the graduating class to begin a tradition of support for UTS and the Annual Fund. The standard request is for new graduates to give \$40 in this first year. I then ask for that to be increased each year over the following 4 years i.e. \$80, \$120, \$160, \$200, to reach \$240 in Year 5.

In this time of transition with a next generation of leadership attending UTS, Barrytown Campus, and with increasing enrollment of Unificationists from many denominations at the New York City Extension Center, the annual fund is becoming a vital part of the UTS budget. The annual fund supports important aspects of seminary life and training, such as the student clubs, seminary outreach to the community, and student organized theologian conferences.

The Annual Fund covers the budget for alumni and community relations. These two areas have seen a lot of growth in the last two years, and their impact is being felt. There has been a growth in networking, in alumni reunions, and in regional meetings and contact amongst alumni. There has also been a key repositioning of UTS within the local Red Hook and Mid-Hudson Valley communities. It is important that this work be both maintained and developed.

In a nutshell, a well-supported Annual Fund releases other funds which can be used for student aid, library resources, and teaching. Please join me in renewing your pledge to the UTS Annual Fund. Strong alumni and friends support tells our current students that there is an appreciation for their calling, for their training and a sense of collaboration when they advance in their personal ministries and careers after UTS.

A contribution can be made through the secure online page [www.uts.edu](http://www.uts.edu) or by check sent to The Annual Fund, Office of Alumni Relations and Development, 30 Seminary Drive, Barrytown, NY 12507. If you would like to make a pledge then please contact Gillian Corcoran at 914-752-3000 Ext 233.

## The Second Annual Founder's Society Evening

The Second Annual Founder's Society Evening was held in Tarrytown on April 21st. Two new members were inducted this year. Mrs. Sung Bok Hsu, President of Hsu and Co., Columbus, OH, and Dr. Bong Tae Kim, President of Sun Moon University, Korea. Mr. Hyung Chul Kim, a current UTS student, received the award on behalf of his father, Dr. Kim.

Dr. Andrew Wilson, one of the seven inaugural members inducted in 2005, introduced the society's new members. The Founder's Society Life Member Awards were then presented by Dr. Michael Jenkins on behalf of the UTS Board of Trustees. The Founder's Society members are core UTS friends and supporters. They are dedicated people who have provided significant gifts to UTS.

In the midst of a busy weekend, 19 alumni and friends of UTS shared a relaxed evening of conversation. Special guests included Dr. Chang Shik Yang, Continental Director of the Family Federation in North America, and UTS Trustee. He shared his love of UTS and his confidence and commitment to the future of UTS. Dr. Yang recently committed \$30,000 for the renovations of the UTS Dining Room, to be carried out over the summer.

After a delicious main course, Dr. Hendricks presented the vision for UTS and its fundraising campaign, Project Excellence. He outlined the immediate and long term capital improvements necessary to prepare UTS for the next generation of students. The renovation of the dining room, the heart of the seminary, by this September is a strategic investment for the future.

Dr. Jenkins embraced everyone in the room with his warm words, expressing his confidence that those gathered are partners and friends and that together we can develop a strong and vibrant seminary for our next generation. He made a special mention of the momentum which is building with the Young Oon Kim Scholarship Program and the outreach to the second generation. Dr. Jenkins spoke of the camaraderie built with old friends, the joy of meeting new friends, and the gratitude for renewing friendship; friendship is absolutely necessary to build our common future. Over \$21,000 was raised that evening, all of which was eligible for a matching grant by the Young Jin Moon Foundation, effectively making the amount raised over \$42,000.

*Robin Graham,  
Director of Alumni Relations and  
Development*



*Mrs. Hsu and on behalf of Dr. Bong Tae Kim, his son Hyung Chul, (a current UTS student), are recipients at the 2nd annual Founders Society*



UTS CORNERSTONE - A NEWSLETTER FOR THE UTS ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

## How Can We Best Partner for a Higher Purpose?

### Developing a fresh approach to effective collaboration. Creating strategic alliances in all that we do.

Our Unification community can't possibly do what God needs to be done, alone. I think that, to be fully effective in our Providential pursuits, we need to leverage the power of alliances which serve God. The spiritual conditions we make may be a necessary starting point to build upon, and I think that they are hardly sufficient if we are to go the distance with really creating Heaven on Earth. Reflecting back, I consider the following:

I remember in True Father's speeches to the ICUS participants in the late 70's. He spoke about the need to bring together collective wisdom for the sake of mankind. He asked the guests, as experts, to dialogue well and find ways to make it happen.

True Father calling upon CARP members to become the best students they could be - to get to know the Chairman of the Department and serve them better than anyone - to look to learn from them and inherit their foundation and be ready to guide and influence them for God. To serve, ask good questions, listen, and do.

Dr. Bo Hi Pak challenging a group of Western brothers and sisters: *"harness the best of the pioneering spirit and ingenuity upon which this country was built."*

Recently, while speaking with a brother who spent a period of time fishing directly with True Father, I asked him what do you most remember learning, in addition to all the memorable adventures? True Father's main message to him? "You need to think and act strategically".

### The challenge is to set in motion relationships that are always interesting and effective, while also creating an environment for God to work through our alliances.

I heard that in a recent leaders meeting, a sister asked True Father a question along these lines. *"Do you think we need to develop counseling methods to help our members?"*

To which his answer was something like this: *"God has already worked through the Christian churches to do all of that - go and learn from them."*

To me, this is part of what would help - to learn from our Christian colleagues, to inherit, in deeper ways, the foundation upon which we stand - and to pray for ways to connect and communicate that will build long-term sustainable, win-win partnerships for God.

### Question - how are we conditioning ourselves, before and after our meetings?

True Father used to speak about first attuning oneself to the atmosphere and environment of others, before saying anything. For any situation, this would mean to know their world view, their core ideas and their means of expression as well as, or better, than they do.

We can position ourselves to inherit the best of their curricula & operational systems. We can "seek first to understand", versus charging into their world to declare our truth. It is taught that Father studied the Bible so much it swelled to more than 2x its original size. This is an example of first knowing another's world inside out. We can build high trust rapport - create strong bonds of heart. Upon all this, then Teachable Moments can occur.

What do I see as one of our biggest challenges? Being the true love that we advocate. This both in our personal relationship with God and with each other. Ever hear this?

*"preach the gospel all the time - when necessary, use words"*

We can also learn a lot from the business world, which is often 10+ yrs ahead of non-profits.

### Some recommended reading along these lines:

**SmartMatch Alliances.** Designed for business owners, lots of worthy, relevant ideas.

*"Open the door to extraordinary growth and success. Learn how you can quickly attract better people - in greater numbers...faster than ever before! Learn a no-nonsense process for maximizing your alliance results! Break through the clutter and connect directly with influential & high-level people - a means of attracting more than you've ever imagined!"*

As a result of reading and applying these principles, you will:

Learn from like-minded people in your field, ministry or area of service

Establish a strong reputation for yourself, your organization, your offering

Create a building strategy that's low- to no-risk and always win-win - in which the only limits are your own imagination, creativity, and energy.

(Complimentary copies for the first 4 people who request it, with an intent to implement)

I also found the book's checklists for Alliance-Ability helpful - faxable on request.

We have the idea of "1 family, 3 churches" - may I suggest that you make one of your churches the most successful, healthiest ministry in your area?

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In recent years, I have been doing that and it has been a great source of challenge and inspiration. It makes me think about what I can continuously learn & bring back to help our own faith community.

There are many teaching ministries from which to supplement our long term inspirations, versus a one shot inoculation. For example, Dr. John Maxwell has excellent curricula.

When I visit a healthy church (for ex, a Purpose Driven Church type ministry), I think:

*How did they get to that level?*

*How can I keep myself fired up through my regular visits?*

*What can I learn and utilize from their model? (take the best and leave the rest)*

*How can I build and expand upon that?*

In these potential alliance situations, I think it best to ask myself what is most missing, needed and wanted, and how can I help? Or I ask them: "given what you know about me, how do you think I can best be of service? Or how do you think we can best collaborate?"

### Possible steps to take from here? Here are 4 suggested action items:

1. Request a copy of the alliance-ability checklists - determine 2-3 things you will do to strengthen yourself to make yourself more alliance-able (again, faxable on request)
2. Pick one important relationship to focus on and improve how you are partnering - identify a pressing issue/concern that you are both committed to - then go to work.
3. Request a complimentary copy of the book, SMA (1st 4 people only) - utilize the ideas outlined
4. Start monthly visits to the best church you can identify in your area - learn from them, their services, their special events, their curricula - find ways to serve & partner

Hopefully, you can test these ideas for yourself - challenge them and then go on to find/ do something much better - let's keep researching, discovering and sharing what works best.

Until the next time, see you around our "Global Campus". With my best love and respect,

Don Sardella, UTS '80  
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### Book Review

## Children in New Religions

by Harumi Karamura:



Edited by Susan J. Palmer and Charlotte E. Hardman, *Children in New Religions* is a collection of essays examining the role children play in new religions. Palmer, who teaches religious studies, has written various articles on new religions, and has even been criticized as a "cult-lover." Thus while the book cover seems to portray a biased view against new religious movements (NRMs), depicting a young girl with glazed eyes, cast in an eerie reddish-orange haze, the collection of essays is a genuine attempt to capture the experience of children in NRMs.

The children articulate experiences that are not so foreign to young Unificationists, and the backdrop in which they were raised give us glimpses into the world of the other NRMs. What we find is that the realities as well as the problems that litter the Unification world is not so unlike those found, for example, in the In Search of Truth group, or among the followers of Osho. The Wiccan community is facing the danger of the religion becoming "diluted if children are raised as Neopagans and Witches." While the draw of the Wiccan community is that followers found the path themselves, Wiccan children face the situation that many children of NRMs face: while their parents made the choice as single adults to drop out of mainstream culture to embrace radical religious goals, "many of these children gaz[e] with curiosity at the surrounding society that it was never their choice to reject."

I was raised in the Boulder nursery from age 4 to 8. Life away from my parents was tough, but the other children my age always kept me company, and although at times we bullied each other, the only hierarchy revolved around age, and ultimately, we were all brothers and sisters and blessed children of God. Entering the world outside of the nursery, where there

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was social status and popularity issues, was puzzling to me. The children in the Hare Krishna group, who traditionally were raised in ashrams, began to attend public schools because lack of new membership and funds forced several ashrams to close. Newly released into the public schools, young Hare Krishna were often alienated from their peers. One girl recounted,

I was scared. I didn't know how to deal with my fellow classmates. I was very uptight. I thought I was so different from them because we had been raised to believe they were bad people. Mainly I was terrified that everyone knew how I was raised.

The barriers erected in the minds of the youth, between the non-devotees and the devotees, or in Unification-speak, between church members and "outsiders," resulted in a generation of young people that "became less involved in [Hare Krishna] and less identified with [Hare Krishna]'s purposes and goals," as they tried to become "less different." The Hare Krishna are not alone in facing a new generation that seeks cultural assimilation. This same desire to "fit in" is apparent in Unificationist young adults today.

Another story that reverberated my own child memories was recounted by a child in the Sahaja Yoga group. I remember one morning stealing cookies from the Holy Day offering table. That night, during the group prayer meeting, I could not look at the picture of True Father. I stayed in the prayer room after the others had retreated to their bunkbeds, and finally forced myself to look at his picture. The longer I stared at his picture, the more mesmerized I became, and then it seemed that his picture began frowning at me, and I was so ashamed. At other times, I was convinced that True Father's picture smiled down at me and that he was sending me his love from so far away. The second generation in the Sahaja Yoga group, who believe Sri Mataji to be the embodiment of the Goddess, and refer to her as "Mother," related a similar experience. "Sometimes," the seven-year-old explained, "I think her picture moves and that she is staring at me."

And finally, in the last chapter, Hardman examines the "Ethics of Children," arguing that the future survival of NRMs, in the form of a dedicated following in the second generation, "is more likely to occur if the self is constructed within a framework of a belief in one absolute Truth, an external source of authority, and a notion of the 'child' as essentially fallible and thereby requiring external correction and guidance." In her view, NRMs such as the Messianic Communities, who believe that the children are "grade A humanity," and are less materialistic, more spiritually refined, and more attuned to Yahshua's voice, are less likely to survive because they rely on the belief that their children have inherent senses of good and evil. It is when the children are believed to need a good moral education, and are conscious of a need to rely



Harumi Karamura

on an external authority to guide them in their lives, that the socialization of the children into their respective NRM is the most effective.

These and other stories recounted in *Children in New Religions* echo my own life as well as, I'm sure, those of other second generation and even young first generation converts. Combining interviews and anecdotal stories with good, hard sociological research, Palmer and Hardman do well in examining how children change religious movements, and in turn how movements mold children, and society's response, all through the lens of widely differing new religions. And what we find is that although there are aspects of Unificationism that are unique, we are not alone in our struggles to make meaning in an ambiguous and changing world, all the while striving to keep the second generation by our sides.

Susan j. Palmer and Charlotte E. Hardman, eds., *Children in New Religions* (New Brunswick, N.J.: Rutgers University Press, 1999), p. 13

*Ibid.*, p. 1

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*Ibid.*, p. 228

*Ibid.*, p. 160

## 2006 UTS GRADUATES

We'll welcome into the ranks of the alumni  
49 new graduates on June 24th

	BARRYTOWN	NEW YORK CITY	
MRE	24	12	TOTAL = 36
MDIV	7	5	TOTAL = 12
Cert. in Christian Ecumenical Leadership			1

Includes 8 people who upgraded from a diploma to an accredited degree

*You're invited to UTS to celebrate  
graduation day with us.  
Please contact Ute Delaney at registrar@uts.edu*



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## SPOTLIGHT ON ALUMNI:

### Henry Christopher (UTS 1980)

What a difference one person can make, especially when it's someone as talented and creative as Henry Christopher! He has put UTS "on the map" locally through his work with the Winnakee Land Trust to make Father's Trail part of the Greenway Heritage Trail system. As the Poughkeepsie Journal said in their May 29 editorial, "Three Cheers to the Unification Theological Seminary for opening up a parcel of scenic land for public use... Called Father's Trail, it was a site visited by the church's founder, the Rev. Sun Myung Moon, in the early 1970s." And we say, "three cheers for Henry Christopher!"

"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 to offer." Henry, his wife Katsuko, and their 13 year-old daughter, Enryka, returned to UTS from a two year stint in Korea where Henry served as the director of the "General Orientation Program". Prior to that he worked for twenty years as a graphic artist for The Washington Times.

Henry's love for and investment in the UTS campus and surrounding community are reflected in his founding of the Barrytown Nature Club, which 5 Barrytown residents have joined and who are committed to beautifying the UTS campus. Henry instigated the ground breaking for a community garden, which has just been planted. He also organized a clean up of Barrytown Road and the river front in partnership with Scenic Hudson.

In the midst of his community activism and his work as Admissions Director, Henry has been taking the necessary courses to upgrade his diploma to an accredited degree, and will graduate with a Masters of Religious Education this June, 2006.

## THE PEACE KINGDOM BEGINS AT UTS, TRUE PARENTS' AMERICAN HOMETOWN



### Father's Trail Opens to Public as a Greenway Heritage Trail

Father's Trail became the latest segment of the New York State Greenway Trail with a ribbon cutting ceremony at the trailhead. Our vision is for Father's Trail to be recognized as a National Treasure. The Greenway goal is to have a continuous trail from New York City to Albany along the Hudson River. This public trail opening is the result of the close cooperation between UTS, Winnakee Land Trust and the town of Red Hook and is named after Rev. Sun Myung Moon, the founder of the Seminary.

*Left to right:*

*UTS Community Relations Director Henry Christopher*

*UTS President Dr. Tyler Hendricks*

*Tivoli Mayor Marc Molinaro (County Legislator)*

*Red Hook Town Board member Jean Bordewich*

*Winnakee Land Trust Director Michael Hagerty*

*Hudson River Greenway Planner Mark Castiglione*

*Dutchess Co. Planning Coordinator John Clarke*

*Scenic Hudson Representative Steve Rosenberg*

*N.Y. State Assemblyman Patrick Manning*

