

## My Seven-Year Vision 2020 Project Plan

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Since the passing of Father Moon in September 2012 Mother Moon deserves a lot of credit for her efforts to bring stability and confidence to the world-wide Unification Movement. Her Vision 2020 project is a bold and ambitious plan that calls on all of us to recruit seven million new members during the next seven years. She is encouraging us to be imbued with the Holy Spirit and enthusiastically bring True Parents “message of salvation” to our troubled world. Mother Moon is to be commended for identifying a vision forward and demonstrating her commitment and resolve to help make this vision a reality.

Regardless of whether Mother Moon’s Vision 2020 goals are fully accomplished or not, each of us will continue along with our own unique spiritual life journey. Here is what I’d like to see develop within our faith community in tandem with the larger Vision 2020 project goals and aims. My hope is to inspire, inform and challenge every committed Unificationist to “move to the next level” of his/her own God-consciousness (knowledge of God’s ways and processes of Creation).

**Concerning God:** I’d like to see our faith community adopt the perspective that “God” exists within oneself rather than as a formed Being outside of oneself located in some mythical heaven (spirit world) outside of oneself. Along with this, I’d like to see removed, from our collective cultural consciousness, any ideas associated with the view that God is capable of human emotions like wrath, anger, vengeance and of punishing us for mistakes made during our life journey.

**Concerning prayer:** I’d like to see us move to the next higher stage of prayer which is meditation. Our current practice of prayer infers that when we “talk to God,” this God is outside of one’s self and the prayer encounter is a one-way conversation in which the answer will be made known at some later time and date, based on faith and belief. The next stage I am referring to here involves directing our prayer to a God within one’s self instead of outside one’s self. This stage is a two-way communion with God instead of a one-way communication to God. In this two-way communion with God any answer we need can be immediately known and comprehended.

**Concerning the “purpose of life:”** I’d like to see us emphasize that the greatest miracle to can happen to anyone is the finding of his/her inner Self—to find the Kingdom of Heaven within. Of secondary import is the idea that the manifestation of this inner kingdom can best be reflected through the balanced mate-hood of women and men through the marriage partnership.

Concerning “salvation:” I’d like to see us position the appearance of Father and Mother Moon during the latter half of the 20th century as the continued “unfolding of Spirit” in our world. This means that Father and Mother Moon’s teachings and ideas stand on the shoulders of those before them, and they are to be seen as part of a larger picture of how Spirit is moving human consciousness to unfold to ever-higher levels of God-awareness.

Concerning “life after death:” I’d like us to see us more carefully examine some of the metaphysical assertions (pre-modern worldview) embedded within Divine Principle about the nature of the human soul and the after-life. I believe our current level of teaching on these things is a stumbling block to individuals who operate from a more modern and post-modern worldview. We need more science and less theology and dogma in this area of teaching.

These are some of the things I’d like to help unfold during the next seven years. I hope that each of you is able to find your own tools and means to actualize all you hold dear and precious in your life. To your health and happiness!