

Part 1 – Reflections on God’s Providence

This first section of Dr. David S.C. Kim’s words contains reflections on his experiences in the Unification Movement, beginning from its founding in Seoul, Korea in 1954 and continuing through the first 40 years of work in America. These reflections themselves span a period of 25 years from 1974 to 1999.

As one of only five charter members, including Reverend Sun Myung Moon, Dr. Kim’s account of the founding of the Holy Spirit Association for the Unification of World Christianity (HSA-UWC) is a precious treasure. He notes that Reverend Moon suddenly called them to form an official organization, suggesting three possible names written in complex Chinese characters. The four members struggled with them, finally selecting the only one that they actually understood! Even that name posed difficulties as when it was translated into English the words “Holy Spirit,” which have strong connections to the Christian concept of Trinity, were used. In fact, Dr. Kim explains, the Korean meaning is “spiritual” and “holy.” A less confusing translation of the name could have been the “Spiritual Association for the Unification of World Christianity.” Also, he notes that the goals of this association were to unite all Christian denominations without forming a new denomination, and that this united Christianity would come together with the other religions of the world and establish God’s Kingdom on earth. How differently things turned out! Instead of uniting Christianity as an umbrella organization, the “Unification Church” was born, barely accepted as a Christian church, and for decades Christian unity was achieved only in opposition to, and persecution of, this new denomination.

In the second work from 1984, Dr. Kim reminds us of early days of the Unification Movement in Korea, in particular through his experiences of God’s preparation in his life before meeting Reverend Moon and how he encountered the early members. The hopes of the young movement and its first missionaries are brought to life through the account of his work as a pioneer missionary in England.

“Forty Years of God’s Providence (1959-1999)” outlines the work carried out in America from the beginning days with four pioneer missionaries, including Dr. Kim, which lasted until the arrival of Reverend Moon on American soil in 1971, and on through the last three decades of the twentieth century. While the original missionaries achieved much as pioneers, establishing a foundation of American members who welcomed Reverend Moon, it was during the years after his arrival that the work in America really took off. Dr. Kim served as an International One World Crusade (IOWC) commander, traveling from state to state evangelizing and inspiring members, and then served as founding President of the Unification Theological Seminary (UTS) for 20 years. These activities were central to the American work, and so his historical descriptions and insights regarding these times are not only fascinating in their own right but also provide a deep understanding of how God’s providence advanced in this period.

A 20-Year Perspective by David S.C. Kim, 1974

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Members in three cities—Pusan, Taegu, and Seoul—were expanding our work in South Korea, despite all manner of persecution and hardship. Mr. C.W. Lee, Mr. H.W. Eu, and I began in early 1954 actively witnessing to recruit new members from the Seoul area, distributing both English and Korean literature. Beginning in the month of March 1954, when a strong foothold was achieved in the Seoul area, the need to set up an organization for the work was seriously discussed.



Reverend Moon with David S.C. Kim and other early members in 1954

In a small rented room, on May 2, 1954, the formation of an organization was initiated. Five members were present—Sun Myung Moon, C.W. Lee, H.W. Eu, David S.C. Kim, and H.M. Eu (a cousin of H.W. Eu). It was in this tiny room that Mr. Moon submitted to us three names, asking us in all seriousness to choose the one most suitable for our new organization. They were all

written in Chinese letters, and two of them I do not even remember now, probably because they were not relevant to our movement. But the third name was the one that we all agreed upon, that which we now use for identifying our work—"Holy Spirit Association for the Unification of World Christianity" (HSA-UWC, or Unification Church). I translated our final choice into English for a small sign board on which were written both Chinese and English letters. I had a little difficulty in translation it, because Holy Spirit implies one of the Trinity as taught in orthodox Christianity, but in Korea it means holy, or spiritual association (*Shil-Ryung*). I could find no other way to translate the original Chinese letters.



House of Three Small Doors, 1954

After this was accomplished, we moved into a tiny, two-bedroom house called "The house of three small doors." The small signboard was hung up on May 3, 1954. Nobody in the world realized the significance of the birthday of HSA-UWC in Seoul, Korea at this tiny, cottage-type house, located at Book-Hak Dong, Seoul, Korea. From that day on our movement officially began, with the purpose of uniting world Christianity and further uniting all souls and all faiths. The official date of dedication was

announced retrospectively as May 1, 1954, even though the signboard was hung up on May 3.

Mr. C.W. Lee was the first president of HSA-UWC and Mr. H.W. Eu the second. Even after the official formation of HSA-UWC, repeated, unbearable persecution and hardships confronted us. The tiny signboard was damaged by vicious vandals and knocked down to the ground many times by opponents and betrayers. But that same signboard endured all these tribulations and today hangs at our headquarters in Seoul. Since 1954 it has been a symbol of our victory and hope for the future of all humankind. Along with the small signboard we have all shared the common tears, toils, and sometimes heavenly joy too.

Of all the accomplishments I have been able, with God's help, to achieve I am most proud of the fact that I was fortunate enough to have been one of the five living participants in the establishment of HSA-UWC in the year 1954 in Seoul, Korea.

I quit my U.S. government job in 1971, realizing the need for offensive forces to restore this nation. I prepared myself for one year and figured out by prayer and meditation how I could fit into God's plan.

In 1971 I began work as a commander of a One World Crusade team and am now president of the International One World Crusade. My other responsibilities include executive director of the overseas missions of the Unification Church, preparing for 120 missions next year; and superintendent of the International Training Center. I am also preparing a book on the Day of Hope tour and the One World Crusade, with the help of Soshana Baum, Kong Ja Dal, and Steve Mudgett.

I am getting old, but I want people to know that now is the right time for God's work. In the future, regardless of whether we are strong or weak, we must believe, support, follow, pray and discover where we fit in with God's plan. If you are sick, a doctor will prescribe medicine for you, but unless you believe in it and take it, you will not be healed. I want everybody not to give up. Twenty-one years ago it was much harder than it is now. You must have absolute faith. This is harder for Westerners to do than for Orientals. If you have faith, go ahead and act on it. It will work, and you will receive much help.

My greatest source of power comes from the training center, listening to the lectures, prayer, and singing. I have a loudspeaker in my room coming from the microphone there. I am vitalized by the word of God, the Divine Principle. I am an addict of the Divine Principle.

The trainees know me. They know I am loving, but strict. They adopt me as a dad. I feel that if they should fall into a creek, I must stop them. All people should have this quality of heart.

Here at Belvedere, old and young come together. They complement each other, just like a family unit. Even though I am old, I become young when I talk to them. People are coming and learning. If we just talk and have no application of the truth, we will not grow. But I see in the training center lots of people changing. In the morning they get up with prayer and in the evening go to bed with prayer. So problems are solved. God is taking care of them. The environmental factor is very important. I believe it is then the beauty of individual uniqueness comes out. It is like going to the greenhouse and seeing every individual uniqueness and beauty coming out. This is joy and happiness to me.



David SC Kim giving his testimony in the Manhattan Center at the 30th Anniversary of the Unification Church, May 1, 1984

My Early Days in the Unification Church by David S.C. Kim. Excerpts from a speech given to members at the Manhattan Center on May 1, 1984, the 30th anniversary of the Unification Church

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It was during the first week of February 1954 that I accepted Father as the Messiah to come, as prophesied in the Old Testament and New Testament of the Bible; as the Second Coming of the founders of major religions in other non-Christian sacred books; and as the Righteous Man (*Chung Do-Ryung*) in the so-called *Chung-Gam-Rok*, a prophetic book written during the Lee dynasty in modern Korean history.

I accepted him even before I met him in person and also even before hearing the lectures of Principle from the late Mr. Eu. How could that happen? Well, it happened to me, 30 years ago. So your curiosity must be aroused by now.

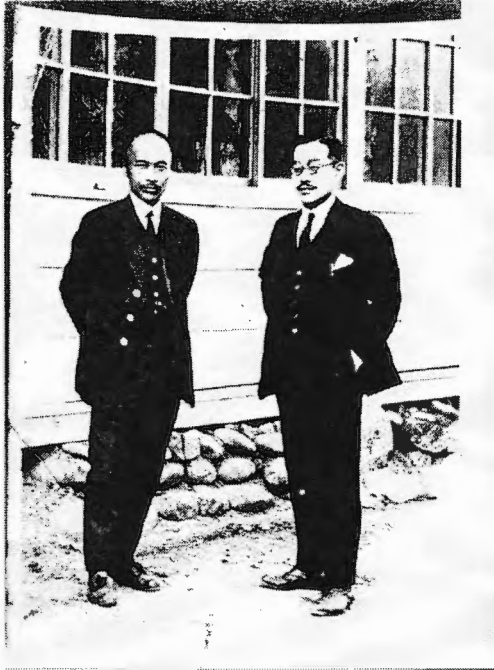
I sincerely hope and pray that my brief testimony and my stories of spiritual experiences I had with our Father in the early 1950s, before and after the founding of HSA-UWC 30 years ago today, might bring positive elements of enlightenment and stimulation to your thoughts and your faith. Thus, may you all become ever more faithful followers of our True Father and accomplish your heavenly missions to the fullest extent with great success.

When you work directly with our Father, side by side, you might notice—if you are spiritually sensitive enough—that our Father does everything according to certain spiritual laws and heavenly formulas which are vitally important for us to understand, learn and practice in our missions. I will discuss some of these formulas later in my presentation.

Before explaining that I accepted Father even before seeing him or hearing the Principle, I had better describe my family background.

My Family Background

I was born in 1915, in Seoul, Korea, the only child of a father of Christian background and a mother of combined Buddhist and Confucian background.



David S.C. Kim's father (right) with the school principal

My grandmother was a devoted Buddhist and was spiritually open. She had associations with many religious groups in the country. Many astrologers, Buddhist priests with psychic powers and members of other interfaith spiritual groups came to our home continuously. Grandmother helped me very much from nine years of age to understand parapsychological phenomena. The interfaith-oriented background of my family influenced me to search for higher truth, not only in Christian churches but also in other religions such as Buddhism, Confucianism, Shamanism and other small groups with messianic expectations scattered throughout the various mountainous areas of Korea. Now I know God prepared

me from an early age to meet our Father and to help God's dispensation.

After graduating from Chosun Christian College in 1939 (originally founded by American missionaries, it is now called Yonsei University), I served for many years as deacon and choir director of the Presbyterian Church in Kun-san City, located in the southwestern part of the Korean peninsula. I had a well-to-do life even under the Japanese occupation of Korea. In 1945, Korea was liberated and thereafter I served for 14 years in various departments of the Korean national government until 1959.



**Sang Chul Kim and his bride, Eui Hong Kang,
January 6, 1942**

I married my wife on January 6, 1942 (solar calendar) and we have now been married for 42 years. She gave to me, the only son of the Kim family, five children—one daughter and four sons—who are all now living in America. We also have seven grandchildren. In 1961 my wife and I were blessed as one of the 36

Couples. So much for my family background. How about my religious and spiritual experiences before I met Father?

First Encounter with the Supreme God

In 1950, during the Korean War, I experienced God's intervention in a time of crisis to save my life, protecting me from the communist atrocities in the southwestern region of South Korea. As one of the high-ranking Korean national government officials, I retreated deep into the south near the mountainous area surrounding Namwon City to avoid the communist guerrilla attack. It was too late to continue southward because communist guerrillas had already blocked one of the two highways leading to safer places. In the midst of total chaos and terrible confusion in the mountains, I prayed very hard for inspiration about which road to take. Suddenly while I was deep in prayer, an "old, gentle and loving man" with purple robes appeared to me, giving me clear instructions about what to do from that time until the United Nations troops liberated that region. Thus, my life was spared. I remember clearly that "old, gentle and loving man" and his distinct voice instructing me directly on how to survive in the midst of communist occupation.

This was my first such encounter, in which the Supreme God appeared to me in purple robes as "an old, gentle and loving man." I later interpreted it as God's divine intervention to save me for the higher purpose of meeting our Father in 1954, four years later. During the three months that I hid in a remote Buddhist temple in the mountains, I had a chance to learn from Buddhist priests how to communicate with the spiritual world. I also researched how to apply Buddhist doctrines and philosophy to Christianity and to the ideas of other messianic groups scattered throughout the land of Korea at that time.

My daily life for three months in that Buddhist temple consisted of an interreligious style of intensive prayers. The total concentration of my soul, mind and spirit was focused on preventing my being captured by North Korean communists. I prayed for three things: that my life would be saved, that my family remaining behind in a northern city would be safe, and that I would serve God for the sake of humanity all the rest of my life. As you

know, those three prayers have been answered. I thank God for saving me and my family to meet our True Father in 1954.

When our Korean government returned from the temporary capital of Pusan to Seoul, I made contact through a junior alumnus of my college with Mr. Aum, Father's classmate and very dear friend from his college days in Japan. (Mr. Aum is now a heavenly Unificationist architect.) For several months, the three of us would meet regularly at a café to discuss Korean indigenous religions with messianic expectations, Christianity, and other world religions. We talked seriously about the future unity of all religions.

By that time, Father had come down to Pusan from the North Korean concentration camp and started his work again in South Korea. Already a few members in Pusan and Taegu had gathered together. Father had to start all over again since his followers were scattered, some coming to South Korea as refugees.

My alumnus acquaintance, Mr. Lee, visited Father's small Taegu group around the end of January 1954 and returned with a report that this group was spiritually powerful, could communicate directly with heaven and so forth. Because of my own spiritual and psychic experiences, his excitement and fascination did not impress me at all. I just took a wait-and-see attitude. Based on Mr. Lee's strong and persistent pressure, I finally decided to make an appointment to see the leader of this group. A date was set up to visit Father's small group in Taegu, a city with strong Christian congregations who severely persecuted Father and our movement.

Contrary to my expectations, the leader of the group in Taegu (supposedly Father) was not there. Only Mrs. Se Hyun Ok was in that house. She is very spiritual and one of the most psychically sensitive people in our church. She had been following Father from the time of his North Korean Ministry.

It is unusual to break a previously arranged appointment. When I came to the house in Taegu, with all my pride and arrogance, I was very upset that the leader of the group was not present. However, I softened my anger and indignation when Mrs. Ok talked about the visions she had seen in her early morning prayer. She had seen one vision in which a young man speaking a foreign language was talking to her, but she was unable to understand him. When I arrived at her home, she realized that the

young man in her vision was me. That information made me pay more respect, and I became attentive to her and softened my resentment towards that group. She treated me very nicely, making me good meals and preparing my sleeping room with comfortable bedding. When evening came, some very important spiritual phenomena occurred.

Second Encounter with the Supreme God

In that house, the Supreme God appeared a second time in front of me, this time through Mrs. Ok, during a very deep conversation. Suddenly her body shook and jerked and the voice of God controlled her and totally occupied her body and mind, causing her to act differently. Now God was speaking to me directly with a man's voice, the same voice I heard during my vision in 1950 on the mountain during the Korean War, when He appeared in the form of an "old, gentle and loving man" in purple robes.

With a feeling of awe and deep reverence I listened, immediately humbled and obedient. God's voice was heard solemnly:

Listen, dear Sang Chul! I have been training you for 30 years, since the age of nine, to search for the truth through various religious experiences and groups. The time has now come; this is the place I wanted to lead you. From now on, your new name is David, after King David who destroyed Goliath in the Old Testament. You will be going overseas for pioneer missionary work for this group.

Then God left the body of Mrs. Ok. Without hesitation or doubt, I heard the message and accepted it, and bowed with gratitude and appreciation. With my previous spiritual experiences and my psychic ability, I knew God was talking directly to me, giving me instructions about my future mission for our True Parents. (Later, I was sent by Father to England as the first overseas missionary of our movement in August 1954, the same year as the inauguration of the Unification Movement 30 years ago today. In 1959, I was sent to the United States as one of four pioneer missionaries.)

With great excitement and thanksgiving, I went to bed late. That same night, God gave spiritual confirmation and evidence of His message to me through Mrs. Ok. At around 2:00 a.m., in a state of semi-consciousness, rather like a trance, a dramatic and dynamic scene occurred. Someone was running straight toward me from a great distance. At the same time, I was running straight toward him from my direction. Both of us kept running, shortening the distance rapidly. Finally, he and I approached each other, and I reached out my right hand to shake his right hand. Immediately, a powerful surge of electricity from him penetrated my hand and entire body. I saw clearly his smiling and joyful face when I received that tremendous electric shock. Immediately, I awoke from that trance, trembling. Whether you believe it or not, the face I saw in my vision was the very same face of our beloved Father, whom I did not meet until three months later in Seoul. He was 34 years old at that time.

Through these two spiritual experiences, I realized that Father was the Messiah, even before I met him in person, and even before I heard any part of the Principle. Since then until this day, I have never had doubts about Father and the contents of the Principle.

The Birth of HSA-UWC

On May 1, 1954, the dispensational time was ripe when the trinity in Seoul, consisting of Mr. Eu, Mr. Lee and myself, pledged to follow Father and his truth. The next day Father called us and one other person residing in Seoul and explained to us the need and purpose of starting an organization even in the midst of continuing persecution. Three names for the organization were given by Father to the four of us. Two of them were so complicated that we could not even comprehend the meaning of the Chinese characters.

Among the three names Father showed us, we agreed to adopt the present name, for which the Chinese characters are:

世界基督教統一神靈協會

We translated these characters as “The Holy Spirit Association for the Unification of World Christianity (HSA-UWC).” The

objectives of the HSA-UWC were: to unite all the scattered Christian denominations throughout the world without initiating a new Christian denomination, and based on the unification of world Christianity, to bring unity among all past and present major religions to build the Kingdom of Heaven on earth.

Although the sign, written in both Chinese and English letters, was hung on May 3, the association was officially inaugurated (retroactively) on May 1, 1954, 30 years ago today. We translated *Shil Ryung* as “Holy Spirit,” but it actually means “spiritual.” This name is often confused with the Holy Spirit (one of the Trinity) by outsiders and theologians, but no other translation seemed adequate at the time. The name actually means, “spiritual association to unite all Christian churches.”

The house in Seoul that Father and a few followers resided in had only two very small rooms. The one for Father had barely enough space for one person; the other, a little larger than the first, was where Mr. Eu lectured and stayed. There was also a small kitchen. The house was called “House of Three Doors.” In contrast to the great name on the sign, the house was small and miserable-looking to onlookers at that time. Now it is revered as the origin and very root of our worldwide movement, which at present includes many wonderful buildings like our World Mission Center in the United States.

An intensive witnessing campaign began right after the May 1 inauguration. These witnessing activities went well in three locations—Pusan, Taegu and Seoul. In August of the same year, I received a U.N. scholarship as a representative of the Korean Government to go to England and study there for two years. In this way the chance was provided to spread our message to England, the Eve nation.

Spreading the Message in England

Father and his early followers in the fifties received vicious persecution from established Christian churches especially in connection with the expulsion of our members from Ewha Women's University. Eight students and several professors were expelled. At that time, I was in England enrolled at the Swansea University College, one of four constituent colleges of the

University of Wales. From time to time, heaven gave me revelations about Father's difficult situation in Korea and told me not to worry too much, but to do my best in my mission in England.

While I was in England as a U.N. scholar, I never neglected my heavenly mission and duty. Whenever I had spare time I visited churches and small groups to look for people, and I spoke many times at churches as a guest speaker. I introduced our group and preached the contents of the Principle—which was then available only as handwritten notes exchanged among the early members.

As my stay in England was drawing to an end, I was able to speak about our movement to the International Convention of Apostolic Churches held in South Wales in 1955, which is a fundamentalist Christian denomination with missions in many countries throughout the world, but not in Korea. I spoke for 25 minutes to the annual general meeting of nearly 3,000 delegates from all over the world. I appealed to them to establish an Apostolic Church mission in Korea to *help* our young Christian movement centering on the church leader named Master Sun Myung Moon. I asked them to *study* this new revelation and to *protect* it from established church and government persecution. This speech inspired the key leaders of the Apostolic Church very much. In the summer of 1956 they sent an official messenger, Pastor Joshua McCabe from the Australian mission headquarters, to investigate our two-year-old movement.

I returned to Korea in 1956. Pastor McCabe arrived in Korea during that summer and stayed 80 days. He studied the Principle and assisted in Miss Young Oon Kim's English translation of *Divine Principle*. Mrs. Won Bok Choi, Miss Kim and I worked together as a trinity to teach him the depth of the Principle and entertained him as a special guest of the Movement. Except for the Second Coming in human form, Pastor McCabe accepted most of the contents of the Principle, had spiritual experiences and returned to Australia profoundly inspired.

Following is an excerpt from Pastor McCabe's early reports from Korea to his mission headquarters about our early church and its activities surrounding our Father. In this way you can know what the early days were like in our church.

Pastor McCabe reported:

The group of Christians to whom I have come are not Pentecostal or Apostolic as we know it, and yet the Spirit of the Lord is manifest among them, as some have visions, others have tongues and interpretations, while a spirit of prophecy is exercised by others in private. So far I have seen no manifestation of the gifts of the Spirit in the gatherings. The fervor and sincerity of the worship, the soul-stirring preaching of Mr. Moon, a born orator who stirs his congregation to response both in praying and preaching, is wonderful. Almost without exception the members are there because they longed for something deeper. The meeting place is an old hall in an out-of-the-way spot...



Pastor McCabe (center) with David S.C. Kim, Mrs. Won Bok Choi, and other members in Korea in 1956

However, the Board of Mission Headquarters of the church failed to carry out the original plan to set up a mission in Seoul to help our movement at that time. Thus, the dispensational plan for the British Empire as the Eve nation failed. Father then had to send both Miss Kim and myself in 1959 to reach out to the western world and spread our message, this time in America.

So much for the historical aspects of the 1950s. Even if I gave more details, you might be unable to comprehend how hard the early followers worked, side by side with Father, under miserable financial circumstances and unbearable persecution—even trying to obtain help from outside the country. Now you are able to inherit all things from Father without suffering and hardship. As the next generation of our movement, you stand on the foundation of Father's tremendous suffering and indemnity and the hard work of the early followers.

I envy all of you very much. I really mean it—you are the luckiest people in the whole world, the happiest people in the universe. We have to honor and glorify our True Parents for the astonishing accomplishments Father has achieved in the last 30 years up to this point.

My Source of Spiritual Power

In commemoration of the 30th anniversary of our church, let me conclude by answering a question frequently addressed to me personally from members, both young and old. The answer may be found in the spiritual formulas and lessons I learned from our beloved Father during the past 30 years. These lessons became the core of my never-changing faith and my source of spiritual power. The question is: What makes you stay in the church so steadily and enthusiastically, keeping a strong, fresh, vigorous and determined faith with never-ending zeal and energy? Or to put it another way: What makes you constantly and continuously keep up with the movement? There are four points I can present as my living guidelines, learned from our Father as spiritual laws and formulas:

1. We followers of True Parents are representatives of heaven. When we observe and obey heavenly laws—that is, spiritual, ethical and moral laws—we get full cooperation from God and we can exercise our small messianic roles in our mission. My two mottos are: “Obedience is better than offering or sacrifice on the altar” and “I am proud of being a Moonie.” I have been practicing these mottos and I will continue to do so. They give me the power and energy to fulfill my mission.

2. I coined a new term, "Unification Optimism," referring to the future hope for you, your family, nation, and world. Even though we still are suffering from the scars of fallen nature within us, we are marching forward to the land of Canaan and will not be destroyed by Satan. If we make mistakes, we should go through repentance, forgiveness, and then God's grace and True Parents will embrace all of us with never-ending love and heart. True Parents already paid indemnity for us and the whole world and we will all complete the Kingdom of Heaven within our generation based on this year's motto from our Father, "Creation and Building of the Fatherland." This is the reason we must spread "Unification Optimism" everywhere, giving humankind great hope for the future.
3. Principle is the new light of the world for all humankind in these last days—the consummation of the Old and New Testaments and all other sacred books of the past. We all are God's messengers of this age, commissioned to spread the "New Gospel of Sun Myung Moon of Korea." We must declare boldly and shout loudly, "All Christians unite; all religions unite to build the Kingdom of Heaven right now! Let us work together for the fulfillment of goodness!"
4. Father is the True Parent, the one who fulfills God's original purpose of creation and God's will. No other one is yet to come. No matter what evil power in the world—whether individual, governmental, legislative, judicial, national or international—may criticize, persecute, bring to trial in court or plan to do harm to him, it does not matter. He is one with God, the Creator, and God is in him. He is the center of the universe. Nothing can change this principle and formula.

Finally, in addition to these four points, I solemnly declare the following statement to the world, both secular and religious, in the names of the Heavenly Father, Son, Holy Spirit, and True Parents:

The Messiah is not elected by majority vote as in the democratic system. God appoints the Messiah. Therefore, all humanity must be alert and find out who has been appointed as the Messiah by Almighty God in our own time. Thank You!

Forty Years of God's Providence (1959-1999) Outline **by David S.C. Kim, December 23, 1999**

Section I: A Reflection on the Three Periods of True Parents' Providential Work in America

A. 1959-1971 (12 Years) Formation Stage

Four missionaries came from Korea to America between 1959 and 1966. Miss Young Oon Kim began her mission at Eugene, Oregon on January 2, 1959. Mr. David S. C. Kim arrived in Portland, Oregon September 18, 1959, the same year as Miss Kim. Col. Bo Hi Pak arrived in Washington, D.C. on February 25, 1961 as a military attaché to the Korean Embassy in Washington, D.C. Mr. Bong Choon Choi joined in the American mission efforts in November, 1966 in San Francisco, California.

Later the mission fields were divided between the West and East Coasts of the United States—the West Coast missionaries were Mr. David S.C. Kim and Mr. Bong Choon Choi and the East Coast missionaries were Miss Young Oon Kim and Col. Bo Hi Pak. During these pioneering years each of the four missionaries began to work in the name of the organizations which they had created. These included United Faith, Inc. (1961) in Portland, Oregon under Mr. David Kim and the Re-Education Center under Mr. Bong Choon Choi. The same name, HSA-UWC, was used both by Miss Kim in San Francisco, California and by Col. Bo Hi Pak in the Washington, DC area where they later both focused their efforts. Each of the four missionaries taught the Divine Principle and they made strenuous witnessing efforts to build a faithful membership.

The witnessing efforts resulted in serious persecution in each of the four mission fields. Because of openly sharing his religious faith, David S.C. Kim was expelled from a Baptist Seminary just two weeks prior to graduating with a Masters Degree of Religious Education. Miss Kim and the members of her congregation were forced to move to California from Eugene, Oregon because of government persecution. Mr. Choi's followers were charged with brainwashing and of kidnapping young people from Christian homes. Later, the charges related to Mr. Choi's group resulted in

several court cases in the 1970s and 1980s, stirring up a great deal of controversy.

Each of the four missionaries maintained faith and continued open teaching and witnessing to the Divine Principle message until True Parents arrived and took a more direct role in the evangelizing efforts in 1971.

B. 1972-1984 (12 years) The Growth Stage

Under the providential guidance of True Parents every state established One World Crusade mobile teams, as True Father had directed soon after his arrival in the United States. The teams fulfilled an evangelical role, conducting revival meetings to support True Father's Day of Hope speaking tours, delivering a new message for a new age. They participated in television interviews and other public relations efforts in order to explain their efforts to the larger public. Beginning from the early American One World Crusade Tours (1971-1974 especially), the International One World Crusade and Day of Hope tours spread worldwide, soon reaching Asia and Europe (The details of these tours are found in *Day of Hope Books I, II, and III*, edited by David S.C. Kim).

Many of the new followers attracted to the teachings of Reverend Sun Myung Moon were young people in their 20s and 30s who were enthusiastic and energetic in sharing their faith to others.

During this period the Unification community began to establish a more permanent physical foundation in America. Acquisitions included the Belvedere Estate, East Garden, the National Headquarters Building on 43rd Street in Manhattan, and the New Yorker Hotel. New projects were launched to expand the American Providence. These included UTS, CAUSA, *Washington Times*, Ocean Church, and the fishing industry. There is really no way to enumerate all of the activities and projects which True Parents initiated from America during this period.

All of these projects were meant to address the moral and religious crisis in America first and then do the same for the entire world. Centering on America, the Third Blessing of restoring all things was accomplished during this period through the True Parents' efforts.

During the period from 1975 until the present, True Parents' children and grandchildren have been born in America. They will continue to be born in America, not as Korean citizens but as native born citizens of America. Of course, this fact is very significant for the Providence centering on America. True Parents' children have America as their home country.

C. 1985-1999 (14 years) Perfection Stage

1. 1985-1997 (12 Years)

After the very significant and impressive victory of the Washington Monument Rally in 1976 (The Second Stage) God's providence rapidly advanced toward a global level centering upon True Parents' victory in America. In 1988 the Seoul Olympics provided a unique opportunity to accelerate world restoration, working with the existing foundation established by True Parents in America. In April, 1998 the United States was promoted from the role of archangelic nation to the role of Elder Son nation in God's Providence, alongside the sister nations of Taiwan, Canada, and the Philippines, which are meant to support the mother nation of Japan and the father nation of Korea.

It needs to be added here, however, that although many providential accomplishments were realized during this period, this could only happen because of a staggering price of indemnity paid by True Parents and by True Parents' own family members. This included the tragic passing of Heung Jin Moon in 1984 and Young Jin Moon in 1999. In each of these cases, True Parents asked God to accept this as an offering for the advance of central aspects of the Providence.

2. 1998 – 1999 (2 years)

During this period True Parents made unprecedented accomplishments in the course of worldwide restoration, including America. When we investigate and study the proclamations pronounced to Heaven and earth during this period, they have vast implication. They cannot yet easily be understood or appreciated by fallen humankind.

On June 13, 1998 the worldwide Blessing of 120,000,000 couples took place at Madison Square Garden as the first stage of the 360,000,000 couple blessing. True Parents blessed all humanity including the good and evil persons in history. Even the enemies of God and True Parents were blessed in the Madison Square Garden event. Also many biblical figures such as Adam, Noah, and Abraham received the Blessing. True Parents also bestowed the Blessing upon the leaders of the five major religions. During this period as well True Parents liberated spiritual Hell, tearing down the walls and barriers in the spiritual world caused by the fall of the first human ancestors.

On February 7, 1999 True Parents completed the restoration providence through the Blessing at Seoul, Korea thus reaching the goal of marrying 360 million couples in Holy Marriage. Thus, True Parents completed God's Providence and all human beings have been restored to the stage before the Fall and in Heaven and Earth all human beings are now standing in the state of God's original ideal of creation (prior to the Fall).

During this period True Parents bequeathed everything to our beloved Tribal Messiahs (Blessed Couples) giving authority so that instead of praying in the name of True Parents, Tribal Messiahs could pray in their own names from this time on.

During this period the Unification Church was replaced by the Family Federation for World Peace. Hoon Dok Hae was established to nourish and sustain our life of faith and as the basis for spiritual guidance from this point on in the Providence. True Parents have given to the American family the responsibility to assume the mission of caring for the world from this point, including the nation of America. As the Elder Son nation American blessed couples, especially Tribal Messiahs, must welcome the new millennium and the year 2000 and assume total responsibility as the world's only remaining superpower. Blessed couples must be prepared to carry out the American mission to 1) fulfill the original purpose of creation and 2) fulfill their designated role in God's and True Parents' Providence in America and in the rest of the world.

Section II: Reflections on Work in the American Mission Field

A. Comments on Early Missionary Work (1959 - 1971)

For twelve years I undertook my early missionary work in the Northwest portion of the United States. I had come to America after having served from 1954 to 1956 as a missionary in England. This early missionary experience had been spiritually uplifting. I came to the United States with a strong internal commitment to do my best for America. I sought and acquired a student visa, enrolling in a Masters program at a Baptist Seminary. That visa allowed me to remain in America and continue my mission.

However, after two years of study and almost at the completion of the program, the Seminary not only learned of my religious beliefs but understood that I was actively promoting them. The Seminary held a hearing to determine whether or not I could complete my studies and receive my degree. Based on the hearing they determined to expel me from the Seminary, revoking my student status. With the participation of the United States Immigration and Naturalization Service, they even attempted to have me deported from America. With God's help I was able to survive that crisis.

I enrolled at the University of Oregon, completing my Masters there. Next I spent two years in advanced study at the Pacific School of Religion in California. Following this, I was hired as a Counselor by a Job Corp Training Center in Utah. I continued in that capacity until 1972.

I did my best in those early pioneering days. Also the other missionaries, Miss Kim, Col. Pak, and Mr. Choi, did their best in building the American Unification foundation during the period between 1959 and 1971.

B. The IOWC Years (1972 – 1976)

The years which I served in the One World Crusade (OWC) and the International One World Crusade (IOWC), founded by True Parents, proved to be the best years in my Church life since having joined in 1954. During a four year period, IOWC mobile units visited all 50 states and then worldwide. In my capacity as an

IOWC commander, I often felt like the Supreme Commander of a military maneuver. However, we were equipped not with guns or swords but with God's truth and love.

When God's and Satan's forces joined the battle during the IOWC days, it was a time of great excitement and constant new challenges. The IOWC experience was especially invigorating for young Church workers. IOWC afforded them an opportunity to experience setting goals, overcoming challenges and adversities, developing their skills in teaching and evangelizing. Still I recall this period with pleasant reminiscences and with pride.

It is my personal belief that in the year 2000 there is a need to revive the IOWC spirit, reaching out to the many who remain ignorant of God's message. I have been president of IOWC since 1974. I hope that the original ideal of IOWC mobile teams can be revived and rekindled in the coming millennium, aiming toward one world under God which can save America and the rest of the world.

C. Unification Theological Seminary (1974 – 1994)

I served as President of the Unification Theological Seminary (UTS) from 1974 to 1994 (20 years) when I retired. We began preparations for UTS in 1974 and the institution actually had its official start in 1975. The Seminary offered a strong and diverse curriculum. In addition to more traditional courses such as New Testament, Old Testament, World Religions, and Counseling, UTS created a Korean language program which continues today. UTS also succeeded in developing graduate level Unification Studies courses in topics such as Unification Thought, Life of Sun Myung Moon, Unification Worldview, and Divine Principle. Nevertheless, it took almost ten years to acquire an absolute charter from the State of New York. This was undoubtedly related to the controversy and the persecution which our Church experienced during the same time period. UTS even took its case to the United States Supreme Court.

UTS has had numerous accomplishments since its inception. During my 20 years as President of UTS, more than 700 young men and women graduated from the Seminary. Since then UTS has reached a cumulative total of more than 1000 graduates. Many of these graduates have gone on to assume major responsibilities in

the Unification Church and in other Unification-related activities. Furthermore, more than 40 of the early UTS graduates were selected to continue their graduate study at some of America's most prestigious colleges and universities including Harvard, Yale, Princeton, Columbia, Chicago, and Vanderbilt. Out of the original 40 UTS graduates selected for doctoral study (and provided with full scholarships to continue their graduate study) at least 36 of them have successfully completed their doctoral studies.



Catching carp in the Hudson River Lagoon

During the period between 1974 and 1994 more than 47 books were published by UTS and related publishers, Rose of Sharon and IOWC Publications. Also many landmarks were memorialized at UTS so that future generations of Unification pilgrims might come to Barrytown and reflect there on Father's course. Landmarks include the Rock of Decision, Father's Trail, Mother's Trail, and Father's Bench. UTS holds other invaluable memorabilia, such as the fishing nets created by Father in 1977 to cover the entire Hudson River Lagoon where, during free time, UTS students were involved in catching carp and transferring them to the UTS pond, which was also constructed with the help and participation of UTS students. The Seminary also holds the automobile which Heung Jin Nim was driving when his accident occurred in 1983.

I set up numerous traditions at UTS which I had learned from Father in Korea and in America and those traditions continue until today. Those accomplishments were not made by me alone but with the guidance of True Parents and the assistance of others such as Dr. Ang and Dr. Stewart.

UTS has become a central training ground for the Unification Church's worldwide leadership. Now UTS has advanced from Book 1 David Kim to Book 2 Dr. Shimmyo's administration. From the year 2000 there is the possibility that the UTS academic programs will become more strongly linked to developments at the University of Bridgeport. This would constitute "Book 3" or the perfection level of UTS activity. I believe that it is also safe to say that UTS has served as a significant influence in the founding of Sun Moon University and in the development of the PWPA partnership with the University of Bridgeport.

Section III: Some Comments on America's Role in God's Providence

From God's and True Parents' perspective it is true that the American family remains far from Father's expectations. Although some criticism can be made of US activities it also remains true that the US has played a central role in advancing the world level activities of True Parents. Although the US has fallen short of Heavenly expectations, True Parents did not fall short and have succeeded in their mission in the US, bringing all American Unification-related activities under their spiritual guidance.

America has even been promoted to the role of Elder Son role in God's Providence. In the coming millennium when the US succeeds in its providential responsibility the world can easily be led by True Parents and the next generation of True Family as well as by American US tribal Messiahs. America now stands as the Elder Son, called to fulfill God's original ideal of creation.