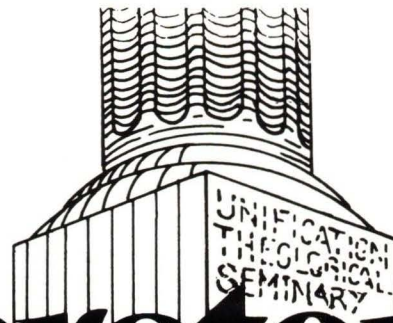


# The Cornerstone



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## Two New Doctoral Graduates



The ranks of Unificationist doctoral-degree holders have been augmented by two new graduates—Dr. Whitney Shiner and Dr. Dinshaw Dadachanji. The new graduates received their Ph.D. degrees from Yale University on May 25, 1992.

To take part in the celebration, Dr. and Mrs. David S.C. Kim travelled to New Haven, Connecticut on the morning of May 25th. They were met in New Haven by Dr. and Mrs. Edwin Ang, Dean Therese Stewart, and several faculty members of the Unification Theological Seminary.

The main ceremonies of the Yale University Commencement were conducted in the morning. The ceremonies started with a beautiful prayer offered by the Yale University Chaplain, Dr. Harry Adams, following which the

Deans of the various schools presented their candidates for degrees. Some students had creative attires; those of the School of Forestry, for instance had various types of flowers or branches over their caps.

Dr. Benno Charles Schmidt, President of Yale University, conferred degrees on the designated candidates. A bit of Yale history was brought to memory when the participants were asked to sing Psalm 65, *Thy Praise Alone*, which was sung at the opening of the first college building in New Haven, in 1718.

Another interesting touch of this Commencement was the conferring of the honorary degree of Doctor of Laws on Dr. Neil L. Rudenstine, President of Harvard University, which, as we know is the great competitor of Yale. Yale President Schmidt displayed a bit of hu-

mor and good cheer when he mentioned that since Harvard President Rudenstine had degrees from Princeton and Harvard, a lacuna was being filled that day by giving him a degree from Yale as well.

After regular and honorary degrees were conferred, the participants were asked to sing *O God, beneath Thy guiding hand*, and University Chaplain closed with a benediction.

Following the main ceremonies, graduates went to their respective schools to receive their diplomas individually. The Unificationist party proceeded to the Graduate School Commencement. Dr. Judith S. Rodin, Dean of the Graduate School, officiated the awarding of Ph.D. diplomas.

Dr. Dinshaw Dadachanji received his Ph.D. in the Department of Molecular Biophysics and Biochemistry. The title of his dissertation is *Studies on the replication and transcription of minute virus of mice DNA*.

Dr. Whitney Shiner received his Ph.D. from the Department of Religious Studies. The title of his dissertation is *Follow me!: Narrative and rhetorical functions of the disciples in the Gospel of Mark, Greek philosophical biographies, and the Wisdom of Ben Sira*.

Following the awarding of diplomas, and at the conclusion of a joyful session of copious photograph-taking (in which President Kim officiated as master of ceremony), the two Unificationist graduates and their guests adjourned to the New Haven Unification Church



center for a celebration luncheon. After a scrumptious meal, there followed a lively entertainment session, ably emceed by Yale University Campus Minister Mrs. Kathleen Burton. Heart warming songs and sharing were spontaneously presented by many of those present.

Of special interest was the two graduates' account of their feat in obtaining a Ph.D. in the midst of almost unsurmountable difficulties. Dr. Dadachanji shared with us the tension he felt between his desire to finish his academic work quickly and his desire to participate fully in church life and activities. Mrs. Burton told us about a fire that hit the New Haven Unification Church center just a short while before graduation. The manuscript of Dr. Dadachanji's dissertation (his only copy!) was in the center that day. The fire caused extensive damage all around, but the manuscript itself was untouched.

Dr. Shiner talked about his experience at the Unification Theological Seminary, where he first envisioned what an academic environment could be like—that is, a place where one can serve God and True Parents through academic accomplishments. He talked about his gratitude to those who had opened the way for his academic career.

Another special feature of the entertainment session was the account of the graduates' wives of their own experiences over the years as their husbands struggled with their research. Mrs. Kimberly Dadachanji said that when she married Dr. Dadachanji in 1979, her husband said he was "almost finished" with his Ph.D. work. Thirteen years down the road he actually did finish, and she said it was hard for either of them to believe it had actually happened.

Mrs. Dadachanji also told us about how difficult it was for Dr. Dadachanji to explain to family and friends why it was taking so long to finish his Ph.D. work. After a while, she said, he was even afraid to talk to them, because he knew what their inevitable question was going to be. Mrs. Dadachanji's par-



Drs. Dadachanji and Shiner

ents were present at the celebration; and they were visibly proud of their son-in-law.

Mrs. Josette Shiner also told us of a close call in saving her husband's dissertation from destruction. Dr. Shiner's manuscript (also his only copy!) was stored in a personal computer of the kind that was targeted to be attacked by the infamous Michelangelo virus. Mrs. Shiner found out about it just a few hours before the virus was to strike. Accompanied by an associate with computer expertise, she dashed back home just in time to protect the computer from the virus.

Mrs. Shiner also told us about her experience in the final days before the dissertation was due. Since the subject matter was so complex and technical, there was some question as to whether Dr. Shiner would be able to finish it in time. Mrs. Shiner said she took time off from her own job and worked side by side with him, literally 24 hours a day—and that way they were able to meet their deadline. Through that kind of sharing, it became clear that the wives were worthy of a "Ph.D. in heart," for the enduring support they provided their husbands over the years.

Both graduates and their wives were unanimous in acknowledging their gratitude to our True Parents, as well as to Dr. and Mrs. David S.C. Kim, Dr. Edwin Ang and Dean Therese Stewart.

by Paul J. Perry

## ***Conference on How to Reach the Baby Boomer***

On Friday May 29th, President Kim and I attended a conference in Albany sponsored by the Church Growth Institute of Lynchburg, Virginia. Its theme was *How to Reach the Baby Boomer* (people born between 1946-64). It was led by Dr. Elmer Towns. About 50 churches of various denominations attended. The conference covered topics such as understanding the boomer, sociologically and psychologically; how the boomer views the church; principles to reach the boomer; how to use hard data as well as the Bible to witness to boomers; the functional and spiritual gift orientation of boomers; their taste in worship and in church leadership; their interest in adult Sunday School; and how to "bond" them to the church and to Christ.

Boomers are significant because, among other reasons, there are about 75 million of them. They are now moving into positions of influence in society and church. They are markedly different from their parents. Materially, they have lacked nothing. They are technologically oriented, inclined towards team-work, relatively uninterested in doctrine and very interested in honesty and integrity. As they mature, they have not relinquished their youthful subculture and merged into the greater society. Rather, they have retained their values and are reforming society according to their ways.

### **Other characteristics**

- Immediate and short term in their value judgements.
- Want religion to work, to solve their problems.
- Materialistic. They are loyal to themselves rather than to institutions and commitments. 52% of them divorce.
- Want choices, variety rather than control. For instance, they want choices of times of worship and types of worship.
- Do not like to attend meeting after work. 80% of boomer women have jobs.
- Distant church members. That is, they are away from home a lot of weekends.
- Raised in affluence and by TV on images of an ideal world, they are very idealistic and have high expectations. Churches must operate in professional ways.
- They love peace.



- They are physical fitness enthusiasts. They are narcissistic. They have a tendency for their enthusiasms to burn out.
- They need counselling. Life for them consists of disconnected modules. In that sense they are dysfunctional and lack an integrating principle in their lives.
- They are prodigious consumers. They are pragmatic. They define right and wrong by how they feel. They want practical teaching and preaching that helps them in their lives.
- As youths they were a rebellious generation. They do not have a developed sense of guilt and will not be motivated by guilt.
- They are technological and have a need for hi-tech tools. They get their theology from the movies and from music.

#### Reasons to return to church

- Their children; to provide them with values, relationships and family service. They want to know how to parent successfully. And how to relate successfully to their spouses.
- Stability and symbol of belonging, for themselves.
- Enduring values.
- Spiritual experience. Churches that can help them "touch" God will draw them. They easily relate to Satan as a personality.
- Security, in face of economic insecurity.

#### What Boomers want from the church

- "Fix-it" type sermons, that can be applied readily to their lives.
- Excellence, in equipment and efficiency.
- To be used according to their spiritual gifts.
- Shared leadership, that is, team ministry.
- Honesty, absence of hypocrisy.
- Satisfying relationships.
- Religious experience.
- Cross-cultural religion.
- Understanding of their culture.
- Principles to live by.
- Professional quality nursery.
- Religious study, especially in groups, rather than religious teaching.

#### Promoting church growth

- Boomers need to hear the message at least three times before joining.
- "Recruiting" needs to be very personal. They need to be contacted in various ways at least seven times.
- They should become part of a small group within a week or two. Large groups attract. But small groups keep.
- Invest in whatever catalyst is bringing people to church. Be data-driven. Frequently survey.
- Be people concerned more than program or doctrine concerned.
- Have a think-tank and make sure it represents every sector of the church.
- Use people according to their spiritual gifts. Develop missions to match gifts rather than trying the opposite.



Drs. Towns and Byrne

- Services should encourage participation. They can be conservative but not traditional and should be experiential.
- Be evangelical. Teach religious truth in an expositional way. Let services be exciting yet dignified, inspiring awe. Provide small groups. Be congregational.

#### Leadership and Ministry

Both are needed. Seminaries promote ministry (building spirituality, developing faith and service). There is need for leadership, that is, for vision, professionalism, ability to solve problems.

by Dr. Shawn Byrne

## Limericks for UTS Class of 1992

The following are some examples from the annual LIMERICK PARTY held on June 4.

#### Rumiko Arahira

Our dear Rumiko with the long shining hair,  
When you need help, she's always there,  
She shines like a light,  
'Cause her heart is so bright,  
She is someone God really can't spare.

#### Makoto Atarashi

Makoto Atarashi, a kind gentle brother,  
Will of steel with the heart of a brother,  
As nice as they come,  
As consistent as the setting sun,  
Like him there is no other.

#### Donna Boudreau

From CARP came Donna Boudreau,  
Whose suitcase was always in tow,  
When she went to Moscow  
She was smitten - and how!  
Will she ever come back? We don't know!

#### Dennis Delaney

There once was a brother named Dennis,  
With a heart so big as to win us,  
As a graduate he'll get the boot'A,  
And will leave with his good wife Ute,  
The both of them we will all miss.

#### Meepe Dhammaloka

There is a monk named Meepe,  
He's from Sri Lanka, you see,  
He's Buddhist, of course,  
He'll never eat a horse,  
And he drinks a whole lot of tea.

#### Michio Fujii

There is a man named Fujii,  
He is from Japan, you see,  
He likes to catch cod,  
He's crazy for God,  
And he runs around as busy as a bee.

#### Masafumi Fujita

When anyone's around Masafumi,  
There's no way to ever be gloomy,  
For when you're with Fujita,  
Life could never be neater,  
When he will be gloomy.

#### Misa Fukui

There was a lass named Fukui,  
Whom to no one ever said phooey,  
She has friends all around,  
Here in Barrytown,  
Who now will cry Boo-hooey.

#### Sabry Gheberial

Our brother from Egypt, Sabry,  
Well known for his liking of tea,  
Working long hours,  
He also sells flowers,  
An example of true love is he!

#### Shinji Gyoten

There once was a Shinji named Gyoten,  
Who thought sleep and food were verboten,  
In a single night,  
Twelve papers he'd write,  
And now by true love he is smoten.

#### Larry Haft

Larry Haft has a great sense of fun,  
A city boy, he's as sharp as they come,  
With Jewish ancestors galore,  
He has only good things in store,  
And be certain he'll count every one!

#### Nobuyuki Iioka

Nobuyuki Iioka was a kind man,  
Lately he's been in Japan,  
There he's been a waiter,  
As well as a Satan hater,  
If anyone can restore Japan - he can.

#### Gregg Jones

Our basketball demon Mr. Jones,  
A capitalist down to his bones,  
With computer in hand,  
Gregg will conquer this land,  
And he'll do it without any loans.

#### Nicholas Kernan

Nick Kernan our man from D.C.,  
Quiet and determined is he,  
Hay fever is his curse,  
But his wife is a good nurse,  
When he leaves here a great man he will be.

#### Shoichi Kimura

For the priesthood Shoichi did study,  
But he found the theology quite muddy,  
He came to UTS,  
To make sense of the mess,  
And now he's Heavenly Father's buddy.

#### Enrique Ledesma

He rides bikes to build up his physique-ay,  
And his talents are very unique-ay,



With a heart pure as cream,  
And a voice like a dream,  
God sure blessed UTS with Enrique.

**Jae Il Lee**

There once was a senior named Lee,  
Who smiled from sea to shining sea,  
His life is complete,  
As long as there's kimchee to eat,  
And his heart is loving and free.

**Graham Lester**

A young man named Graham Lester,  
Was one no one could pester,  
To UTS he came,  
And soon he will know fame,  
For whom could there be who is best!

**Pietro Marchitelli**

Pietro came to UTS,  
When he speaks you often have to guess,  
To understand him your smart,  
But he speaks from the heart,  
And we're wishing him all the best!

**Jin Ho Moon**

There was a young Moonie named Moon,  
Whose hair was vacating too soon,  
His wife said "don't scratch it!  
I'm sure we can patch it!  
Before it all shines like a spoon."

**Atsushi Murakami**

There was a young man named Atsushi,  
Who was known to say "Mushi Mushi!"  
Kind soul like none other,  
Our Wonhwa Do brother,  
As bright and pure as fresh sushi.

**Jonathan Myung**

There once was a senior named Myung,  
Whose golf swing is second to none,  
As far as the books,  
He's as smart as he looks,  
And His love is for God's Holy Son.

**Toshiyuki Nakamura**

Toshiyuki Nakamura, whose not here,  
A computer expert, so I hear,  
A former leader in CARP,  
This guy's pretty sharp,  
We wish him a successful career.

**Gregg Noll**

A hunk of a heart is Gregg Noll,  
He can put any ball in the hole,  
His academic training,  
Has been rather straining,  
But with money, he's always on a roll.

**Koichi Ono**

You know Koichi Ono,  
He never is alone-o,  
Good pictures he takes,  
And nice music he makes,  
But, he's leaving soon, Oh no!

**Cabot Peterson**

As long as we had Cab-ot,  
*The Cornerstone* never did rot,  
He wrote it and mailed it,  
And never did failed it,  
But now Franco must care for the lot.

**C. Thomas Phillips**

From MFT to UTS,  
Where Tom hung out you had to guess,  
He studied the histories,  
Unraveled the mysteries,  
He'll go back to his hometown the best.

**Marco Rodriguez**

Marco the man with the guitar,  
Plays better than anyone by far,  
He wrote about Dylan,  
And if God be willin',  
He'll surely end up a star.

**Hitoshi Sasaki**

There was a young man named Sasaki,  
And if someone should try to attack ye,  
He'll defend you for sure,  
For his heart is so pure,  
And he has a black belt in karate.

**Paul Saver**

Paul Saver the man from down under,  
On the soccer field his toes run asunder,  
His DP lectures are a hit,  
And he loves to keep fit,  
In short, this man is a wonder.

**William Stoertz**

And now we turn to William Stoertz,  
Who gives to this school till it hurts,

To high virtues he reaches,  
Transcribing Father's speeches,  
Making clear in our minds what were blurs.

**Hiroshi Suzuki**

Knowing one so courageous and kind,  
Makes me sad as he leaves us behind,  
One of Hyo Jin Nim's best,  
We've been richly blessed,  
Yes, Hiroshi's a friend for all time.

**Eric Sylte**

There was a man named Eric Sylte,  
Tall, blonde, and handsome, God built he,  
He ate healthy foods,  
He was good at the hoops,  
And his righteousness will restore all the guilty.

**Janine Takahashi**

What a nice sister we have in Janine,  
To none was she ever mean,  
We're all sad to see,  
Goodbye Takahashi,  
May her Grad tree grow ever green.

**Kyung Jeon Yoon**

Kyung Jeon Yoon, an artist of note,  
His paintings are never remote,  
As backdrops to graduation,  
They complete our celebration,  
We thank him and give him our vote.

**Toshihiro Yoshida**

A missionary from Germany Yoshida,  
Some say he's a natural born leader,  
The piano he plays,  
And on Sunday he prays,  
For a black belt to make him completer.

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