Judith Grant-Wilson, San Francisco, California, 1969

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I joined the Unification Church on October 14, 1969. I had recently returned from a trip to the Orient, visiting Korea, Japan, and China. With some free time on my hands, I decided to visit my cousin in San Francisco, California.

It was there that I met Clint Sterry, who invited me to hear Divine-Principle lectures. Within a short time I signed membership.

When True Parents came to America, I was sent as a missionary to North Dakota and later to work on the International One World Crusade (IOWC) teams preparing for True Father's speeches in several East Coast cities. Father assigned me to work with other sisters on Capitol Hill in Washington, D.C. Later, I worked in Public Relations at the United Nations.

After being blessed as an 1800 couple by our True Parents, I gave birth to my daughter, Kimberly, in September 1983.

In 1994 I moved to my home state of Wisconsin. Since then, I have worked with the Minneapolis Unification Church to give my support for True Parents' speaking tours and events of the American Clergy Leadership Conference (ACLC), Ambassador for Peace, and Women's Federation for World Peace (WFWP). I was able to participate in the Middle East Peace Initiative (MEPI) events of December 2003 and May 2004.

Now that In Jin Nim is serving as our National Pastor, I am committed to getting her message out to the good people of faith in my community. I am a member of St. Paul, Minnesota's Interreligious Network (SPIN). I have been able to deliver Father's autobiography to several members of other faiths there.

I would like to say how grateful I am to our True Parents, who have never waivered in the difficult work of returning all of humankind to the loving embrace of our Heavenly Parent.