## **UTS NEWS**

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#### INAUGURAL PRAYER LUNCHEON



On Friday, January 19<sup>th</sup>, several UTS faculty and staff attended the Inaugural Prayer Luncheon in Washing, D.C.,

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sponsored by the Washington Times Foundation. The luncheon theme was "America Come Together." Over 1500 guests, ministers from virtually every Christian denomination and of all races, constituted the most comprehensive slice of Christianity ever to attend a meeting featuring our Founder – and probably the most diverse group ever to attend an inaugural prayer meeting.

Dr. Robert Schuller gave a moving and sincere speech, expressing his amazement at the diversity of the crowd. Alluding to our Founder, he praised them for attending a meeting with others holding theologies with whom they disagreed. Dr. Jerry Falwell spoke about ways the new President can honor God in his administration, for example by prohibiting partial-birth abortion and by supporting faith-based social initiatives. He also spoke of forgiveness for Rev. Jesse Jackson, whom he described as a "personal friend" who was taking responsibility for his mistake.

Other well-known speakers included televangelist Rev. Kenneth Copeland, Paul Crouch, President of the Trinity Broadcasting Network, Rabbi David Ben-Ami reading a Jewish prayer, John Michael Talbot of the Brothers and Sisters of Charity singing St. Francis' Peace Prayer, James Merritt, President of the Southern Baptist Convention, John Corts, President of the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association, and singers Pat Boone and Vicki Winans. Attorney General designee, John Ashcroft made an unexpected appearance and gave a very moving speech. The President-elect did not attend.

Our Founder spoke briefly, in English, after which about 100 ministers close to him came on stage and presented him with an award. Rev. T.L. Barrett of Chicago summed up the whole luncheon with his closing prayer that we who live in the U.S.A. (United States of America) should live U.S.A. (Under Spiritual Authority).

Dr. Andrew Wilson, Academic Dean

## WELCOME PARTY TONIGHT!

A Welcome Party for new students and in celebration of the new term will begin at: 6:30 PM TONIGHT,



Tuesday, January  $23^{rd}$  in the Student Lounge. There will be music and songs, games and refreshments. All students, staff and faculty are invited. **Let's** have fun together!

## RELOCATION DISCUSSION CONTINUES

Since President Hendrick's public meeting with the UTS community,



discussion has continued about possible relocation to New York City. President Hendricks recently had two meetings with Hyun Jin Nim Moon who emphasized that the location was secondary. Hyun Jin Nim stated that the key point was the Seminary's vision for the curriculum and challenged UTS to envision a leadership model that would add value to the Unification movement and its work. President Hendricks noted that Rev. Moon, in his Convocation Address at the founding of UTS likewise said, "The Seminary is not a place or building; it is the people who are equipped with the spirit and ideal given by God." While UTS is striving to add value, Dr. Hendricks said finances, and enhancing our ability to serve dictate consideration of relocation. This will be a major subject for discussion at the upcoming Board of Trustees meeting at UTS on Friday, February 2<sup>nd</sup>.

## WALK-IN REFRIGERATOR



The UTS Administration and Food Service Department requests that

the Student Council or Dean of Students.

## SIGN UP FOR EAST GARDEN

Last September, our Founder asked that two (2) representatives from UTS attend Hoon Dok Hae at East Garden whenever he is there. The sign up sheet is near the water fountain in the dining room. Make the most of this great opportunity.

#### **BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION**

Reverend and Mrs. Moon's joint birthday celebration will be held at the New Yorker Hotel next Monday, January 29<sup>th</sup>. All students are invited to the 9:00 AM speech and evening entertainment. There are <u>no classes</u> at UTS, Barrytown, on the 29<sup>th</sup>. <u>Make-up classes will be on</u> <u>Friday, February 2<sup>nd</sup>.</u>

#### HAPPY CHINESE NEW YEAR!

Tomorrow, January 24<sup>th</sup>, is Chinese New Year. It is the year of the Snake. Our Founder, Rev. Moon, has invited up to 300 to his residence for a 6:00 AM celebration. Students who do not have class conflicts are invited to check with Dr. Carlson for details.

## WINTER 2001 REGISTRATION

#### Barrytown Campus:

66 Headcount (59 FTE)

<u>New York Extension</u>: 51 Headcount (22 FTE)

Distance Learning: 2 Headcount (1 FTE)

TOTAL: 119 Headcount 82 FTE

## STUDENTS FAVOR STAYING AT BARRYTOWN

Dean Corcoran distributed 60 questionnaires to UTS students at the main campus, asking if they had to choose whether they would prefer remaining at Barrytown or relocating to the New York City site. Forty-two (42) questionnaires were returned. Of these, <u>36 preferred staying at</u>

<u>Barrytown</u>, 5 preferred moving to New York, and one was neutral. Students also had the chance to state the reasons for their choice.

# Reasons for staying at Barrytown included:

- the spiritual atmosphere
- the beautiful natural surroundings
- less expense
- more opportunity for community
- better for leadership training in the Unification tradition

- better for the movement's second generation
- better for families.

# Reasons stated for going to New York included:

- being able to communicate and develop relationships with other denominations
- more accessibility to ministers of other denominations
- more chance of fulfilling the Seminary's mission statement
- a diverse environment making learning more challenging and exciting
- a better focus for alumni/ae.

## NEW YORK CITY EXTENSION CENTER UPDATE

The Extension Center in NYC has begun the Winter Term with a running start. We are offering several core courses and some exciting electives.

#### The Core Courses are:

- Foundations of Old Testament
- Homiletics
- Junior Orientation
- Church History I

### Among the electives, we have:

- Youth Ministry
- Family Therapy Concepts and Methods
- The Gospel of John
- Christian Economics II
- Interreligious Dialogue

In addition to those students who began their UTS career in the Fall, the Extension Center has welcomed several new students this term.

We have also opened a new Reserve Library at the Extension Center. Located on the First Floor, behind the Chapel, our library room will have on-line access to articles and documents, the complete Athena database for book check-out, and a larger reserve book collection to support our students. Thank you Dr. Noda!

## **BOWLING COMPETITION**

It's not too late . . . . There will be a bowling competition this Friday, January 26<sup>th</sup> at Ro-lin Lanes in Red Hook. Please sign up in the Dining Room if you're interested!

Finally, the Extension Center will have another Continuing Education program in February. Last semester, UTS hosted a True Family Values program as part of our continuing education program.

This semester, we will host Robert Kittel and the Clue 2000 abstinence curriculum in February. The focus of the program will be to certify individuals to teach the curriculum. Anyone interested in this dynamic program should contact the Extension Center for details.

Dr. Kathy Winings