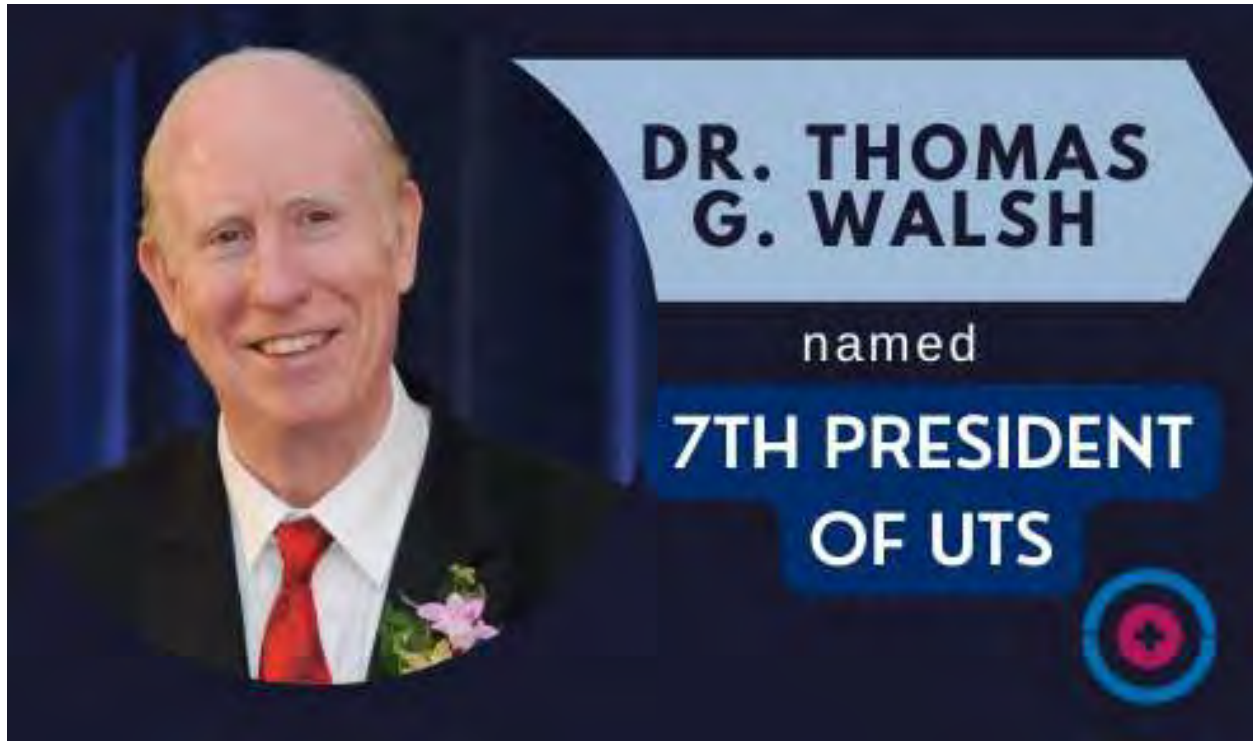


Thomas G. Walsh replaces Thomas Ward as President of Unification Theological Seminary

Thomas Ward
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The Unification Theological Seminary Board of Trustees met on Thursday April 28, 2022 and unanimously elected Dr. Thomas G. Walsh as the seventh President of Unification Theological Seminary. A 1979 graduate of Unification Theological Seminary, Dr. Walsh went on to earn his Ph.D. at Vanderbilt University's School of Religion where he specialized in the study of Religion and Ethics. Since his graduation, Dr. Walsh has taught courses at a number of colleges and universities as well as at Unification Theological Seminary. As he became more involved with the academic and ecumenical activities of the Unification movement in the 1990s, he continued to teach on a part-time basis in higher education for a number of years.

Dr. Walsh has worked closely with UTS Co-Founders Rev Sun Myung Moon and Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon in the establishment and in the leadership of the Universal Peace Foundation (UPF) where he serves as International Chair. UPF holds General Consultative Status with the United Nations Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC). Dr Walsh had edited more than twenty books and publications for the Universal Peace Federation and he serves as Executive Editor of Dialogue and Alliance, an academic journal indexed by the American Theological Library Association.

Dr. Walsh's assumption of the Presidency is fortuitous for Unification Theological Seminary at a time when it heightens its attention on its institutional role as a contributor to peace through the establishment of a new Master of Arts in Peace Studies. Dr. Walsh has served as the Moons' principal emissary in countless UPF related initiatives aimed at addressing conflict and division in Asia, Africa, the Middle East, the Americas, and Europe. Dr. Franco Famularo, Chair of the UTS Board of Trustees, said, following Dr. Walsh's election: "Dr. Walsh has literally traveled to more than 120 nations of the world. His experiences and insights will be an enormous benefit to UTS faculty and students alike. We are entering a new stage in UTS history."