President's Letter

TO GO TO HEAVEN, OR TO BUILD HEAVEN: YOU MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Congratulations to the Class of 2005!

As you approach the day of Commencement, take a look at yourself and your fellows. Yours is a great achievement. You've been through ups, downs and turnarounds. You've floundered, been grounded and hounded, but rebounded. Your spirit has been unchanging through all the rearranging. I'm so impressed with your diligence; I compliment your competence and become reticent to get a letter sent. But here goes.

A predecessor of yours, Ken Saito ('02), said something in his farewell remarks that has stuck with me. He said that while he was at UTS, he stopped donating money to the church and he didn't make any of the donations that are necessary for us Unificationists to get to heaven. He calculated that to graduate from UTS, he spent $45,000. If he hadn't come to UTS, he would have had so much money in the bank! He could have used it to liberate his ancestors and get into heaven, or at least be closer to heaven.

So he had to ask himself, as his friends sometimes asked him, why did I go to UTS? He came up with many reasons, but the bottom line he found was this. "If we just want to enter heaven, we do not need to come to UTS. But if we want to establish heaven on earth, we have to come to UTS. That's why God needs UTS. That's why we come to UTS."

It's the difference between going to heaven, and building heaven. It makes a difference to the impoverished people to whom we can minister. It makes a difference to the children whom we can educate. It makes a difference to the teenagers whom

Greetings from Chairman of UTS Board

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

It has been my privilege in recent years to serve as chairman of UTS Board and I am happy to have this opportunity to address the alumni.

As you know, UTS has faced very significant challenges in the recent past. Confronted with the withdrawal of monthly financial support by HSA and the end of "command" recruiting by our Founder, UTS has been compelled to walk an uncertain path. Questions have been many; answers less abundant.

Without going into detail I will simply say that the UTS community - administration, faculty, staff and the Board - have responded to this challenging situation with an active faith, dogged persistence and much hard work. All of the individuals involved in this effort are to be sincerely commended.

From a historical perspective, UTS is still a young institution that is finding its way. But as the institution charged with providing advanced education and training in the rich tenets of Unification theology and spirituality, it has a vital role to play in advancing Heaven's purposes.

The challenges continue but so does our response.

Your active support in these endeavors - through such things as financial support, "witnessing" about the Seminary to potential students and keeping the Seminary leadership in your prayers - is much needed and deeply appreciated. Please continue!

I wish God's abundant blessings on each of you and your families.

Sincerely,

Farley Jones

Publisher's Note (E Cornerstone)

"Reverend Sun Myung Moon is the Founder of UTS. Several Cornerstone contributors recognize him with this title. Others may use the terms True Parents, True Father, or Father. These are various expressions of personal faith that Rev. Moon is fulfilling the mandate of Heaven to establish a Kingdom of Peace on Earth and that he and his wife are the first to establish a family centered on God's original ideal. The alumni/ae of UTS are a diverse group who relate to and understand Reverend Moon in diverse ways. We appreciate your consideration when reading the newsletter. Additionally: the views and opinions expressed within do not necessarily represent those of UTS, UTS AA, its faculty, administration or its supporters. The UTS AA Newsletter seeks to promote robust, healthy, productive and authentic dialogue, for the sake of honest self-reflection and responsible improvement."
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we can educate. It makes a difference to the teenagers whom we can mentor, and the young adults whom we can inspire. It makes a difference to the elderly whom we can comfort. It makes a difference to the clergy of other faiths, who are seeking bridges of reconciliation. It makes a difference to policy-makers who are seeking a vision for the future. That's the difference that UTS makes.

As you go forward from Commencement, I know you will commit the best you have to your work in the Lord’s vineyard. I pray that the lessons life taught you here, large or small, may come to you when you need them. It could have been when you scrubbed chairs in the dining room, broke through writing a term paper, witnessed another student's serious attitude, or felt a surge of God's grace at the Founder's Rock. It could have been someone's laughter during dinner time, or a soccer game, or learning calligraphy, or writing a poem. Think of these moments when you are challenged by a new mission, by the task of knocking on a door, the task of saying one more prayer, of answering one more call. Those are the moments that you make a difference.

And I welcome you to the global network of UTS alumni. Our Founder has referred to the UTS alumni as the immune system of the world. May your career as an alumni be an illustrious one.

May God bless forever the Class of 2005!

Sincerely,

Tyler Hendricks
President

Be Relevant!

By Robin Graham

Dictionary: Have a bearing on or a connection with the matter at hand.

It must be in the water, or the air. The words differ depending upon who is speaking, but the message comes through clearly. Unification ideas may be excellent, but people want to see sustainable models in practice. The suspicion is that things are solely event driven, without a plan or an overall strategy. This then undermines the confidence in leadership. Cynicism and complacency grow. How can transformation and change take place? Conversations end with: “Do not build up my hopes, just to disappoint me again.” “Be relevant!”

In the face of such challenges, UTS has the opportunity to work effectively to build many models of successful practice. The UTS motto is “Building relationships, learning what matters.” A network of relationships amongst the alumni is the opportunity. UTS has prepared its graduate students for work in ministry, society and economy. The alumni are now placed throughout the world, in many different professions, and in many areas of leadership. The success of the institution can be measured, on one level, by the good memories and the long-term friendships. UTS must now seriously follow up on the results, and reconnect with the former students, learn from their experience and performance in every walk of life. A long line of successful alumni can connect their experience back to the institutional level, linking this to the education of the next wave of students, who can in turn benefit from their feedback, their coaching and their mentoring.

UTS has an exceptional environment for quality teaching, and the conditions to help form the character of students. The UTS work is not finished at the time of graduation. Every commencement address reminds the graduates that they are now in a position to tackle the world. This charge gives UTS an extended opportunity to continue to share values with the alumni, to continue to teach and to set an example. The stability and resourcefulness of Barrytown and the Extension Center can continue to be a wellspring of creativity and energy.

To pursue this direction, a new strategy is emerging at UTS. We call it UTS on the Front Line. The front line lies wherever a UTS alumnus or alumna pursues their life’s work. UTS can be both a partner and a resource. If UTS is to be relevant, then it must be an ally, and a constant in the lives of the community it has nurtured. This challenge is causing UTS to revisit old patterns. The bottom line is that it is people who are the key to change and transformation, and UTS wants to position itself next to its people, the alumni. Through them, we become relevant to an even wider community.

Changes are now being made in the alumni relations office to build the capacity to make this vision a reality. An alumni relations associate position has been created which will lead to better management of the database and communications. Facilitating communication from alumni to UTS is important, and equally important, the networking between alumni. The alumni voice needs to be shared more openly. This voice can then give UTS the insight it needs to be relevant, and to be more effective.

Throughout the last year alumni have come together in small groups to discuss the positive ways in which they can both serve each other, serve their communities and serve UTS. Teamwork is helping to make change possible. The UTS Founder often talks of unity. I like to think that he is talking of people helping people. “Living for the sake of others” is good teamwork. If UTS is to be relevant then it must build teamwork. Not only in Barrytown and the Extension Center of NYC, but wherever alumni work and play.

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Eternally Speaking, What Time Is It?

By Don Sardella

For our spiritual life and our capacity to divinely love
For our family life, financial life, health and intellectual development
For our ability to lead and serve and contribute
For our work to positively influence our institutions and the greater culture

How do we move from a dominant, worldly culture where our TVs highlight whiners instead of winners, and victims instead of victors? Is influencing this culture hopeless?

Years ago, I had a mentor/role model/leader who said to me:

“There are two things you can’t currently know - how long you are going to live and how great you can become - and what you do with that awareness can shape your destiny.”

Let’s face an immutable fact - most of us will be in the eternal Spirit World within the next 50 years - what are we going to be looking back at and what are we leaving behind? Is there anything we have done that gives us a sense of gratification, contribution and worthy growth? What did we overcome personally, historically, ancestrally? What is our lasting gift? How did we sustain ourselves to keep it going for God? Not just spiritual condition-wise, but especially substantial Kingdom Building wise? Are we to be part of the few who are successfully building?

For many of us, with declining energies (inspiration?) and major challenges with health, finances and parenting, how are we fully utilizing our collective wisdom and experience to pass on the best of the best to our youth and their youth and also the world at large?

How can we make the most of the rapidly emerging internet era and the benefits of best ideas and best practices--- for Heaven’s sake? As many of our Christian brothers and sisters often say, What Would Jesus Do? Well, What Would God (He and/or She) Do?

I recently attended the two-day FranklinCovey 11th Annual Symposium in San Diego, CA and I personally left with two major observations, after having had some affiliation with their organizations over the last 10+ years:

1. they are going stronger than ever before with their relevant learning communities and;
2. they continue to develop a teachable/learnable universal language/curricula/process for all levels of effectiveness, from personal to organizational/cultural - and it gets results.

Also, while we’re talking about best ideas/best practices, let’s not forget to mention such national-level Christian ministry role models as Rick Warren, Willow Creek, Phoenix First Assembly or Atlanta’s Northpoint Church - you can google ’em.

As has been said before,
If not you, who? If not now, when? If not here, where?

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We are (can be?) the vanguard. And even if that is not absolutely true, if everyone had the attitude -- so goes me, so goes my family, so goes my community/state/country/world -- we (meaning all of humanity) would all be far better off - and we would all be on a stronger foundation to collaborate, to sustain synergetic forums/relationships and to have more fun/energy to feed/fuel our visions/aspersions/activities/projects/results for God.

I say let's do it, and let's do it together. As Ben Franklin once said, "If we don't hang together, we'll surely hang separately." Life is way too short and the needs much too great.

On a closing note, I personally want myself and anyone with whom I affiliate to have the best possible time while being fully engaged and a part of this. I, too, have no shortage of Job (as in the bible figure) related trials and seemingly overwhelming tribulations which seemed would get the best of me and shut me down. I, like many of you, have been on that razor's edge, ready to call it quits and ready to totally surrender my original inspirations. I too, like so many of you, considered resigning myself to mediocrity and mere survival.

I think we are called and challenged, from within our heart of hearts, to rise up, resurrect and fight the fight at the next level - be it "mind over mattress" challenges or leadership/organizational issues or capital fund campaigns or secular assaults on all things Godly.

Who's in? I personally am looking to connect more with persistent/tenacious brothers and sisters, who are putting their hearts on the line and are authentically pressing forward.

This is UTS graduation/re-union/board meeting month - what are we going to be looking at, planning and doing from July 2005 onwards - to build upon what we have got so far?

Enough from me - what do you say? Think? Suggest? What do you want us all to know?

Email me, if you will - don@leadfromwithin.com - your fan in AZ

PS - in a conversation with our 15-year-old son recently, we were talking about some studies from over 10 years ago, where the researchers asked people in their 90's what they most wanted to pass on. The Greatest Generations responses were:

#1) Risk more
#2) Reflect more
#3) Do something that would live on

As he and I discussed, why not strive to be that way now and live full out, with no regrets?

Don Sardella

In Praise of UTS courses

I would like to congratulate UTS on two courses I recently completed.

The two new and important courses are Religion and Politics by Dr. Michael Mickler and African Leadership by Dr. Roderick Mclean.

These courses are eye openers and they are reality. They need to be promoted and taught to every student who understands that one day they will face the politicians of the secular world. These courses are excellent for equipping the religious leaders of the future as they move to evangelize the world.

Rev. J. Kingara

"In his book Good to Great, Jim Collins found that it was not the most charismatic or visibly brilliant leaders who built the most successful companies. Rather it was the leaders who demonstrated a balanced blend of two seemingly paradoxical qualities: fierce resolve and humility."

From The Power of Full Engagement by Jim Loehr & Tony Schwartz
LEARNING FROM OTHERS

Don Sardella (UTS ’80) and Robin Graham (UTS’80) recently attended the Franklin Covey 11th Annual Symposium in San Diego. UTS Trustee, Andrew Weiss was able to join them for the last day. In the lunchtime sessions, several awards were given each day. Don and Robin thought it valuable to see how participating organizations were recognized for their implementation of FranklinCovey principles. Hopefully this can trigger thoughts about how to implement and recognize the organizations which incorporate the principles which are the bedrock of UTS and Unificationism.

The FranklinCovey Award for Organizational Excellence recognizes an organization's commitment to sustainable performance improvement, employee satisfaction, and being a model of a learning organization. The following criteria were used to select recipients:

The organization has a mission that is broadly accepted, supported, understood and lived by its employees and leaders.

FranklinCovey solutions are included in an overall long-term plan in key parts of the organization.

Leadership has made a commitment to be involved in and support the development of the workforce using FranklinCovey Solutions.

The organization is committed to continuous improvement through assessment and measurement.

The video presentation (narration) and text for the program guide:

The Evangelical Christian Credit Union (ECCU) having celebrated its 40-year anniversary, provides banking services to 2,000 ministries, churches, schools, and mission-sending agencies. Serving over 3,200 Christian workers in 110 countries around the world, their mission is to increase the effectiveness of evangelical ministries and ministry-minded individuals through biblically based, value-driven financial services.

In the year 2000, ECCU implemented a customized 7 Habits workshop with Biblical principals and examples. For more than five years, all ECCU employees have gone through the three-day workshop. New employees attend within six months of hire. A weekly employee staff meeting provides a teaching opportunity to hear from ministries on how they are fulfilling the mission. The 7 Habits reinforce the organization’s mission and strategic planning processes, including strong values such as God-honoring relationships and life balance. In 2002, ECCU implemented the Project Management curriculum to equip the staff to be effective project leaders and participants. A committee of senior leaders manages the project portfolio so they can put first things first in alignment to achieve their mission and vision.

ECCU has a culture of continuous improvement and the top five characteristics from a recent employee inventory include: customer focus, quality focus, employment security, continuous improvement, and personal growth. The staff is very appreciative of this investment for their personal, professional, and spiritual development. ECCU has implemented FranklinCovey principles and created outstanding results in the organization, creating a common language, clearly understood company goals and mission, more projects completed, and synergy among teams.

A further good resource http://www.coveylink.com/reading.html

Letter to the Editor

This letter was posted on the AFC National Discussion Board and is repeated here for our alumni.

Dear Family,

March 4, 2005 was the 4th anniversary of the death of my beloved husband Tom Iversen. I would like to say it gets easier and easier as time goes on, but in reality for me it is not true. Every day as a widow is a struggle to survive, physically, financially and spiritually. I pray you will all hold on to your health and prepare wisely for your death because you never know when it can come.

I am writing this especially, because yes-terday I felt so much his love for the AFC brothers and sisters and especially how much Tom missed you all, working with you, laughing with you and fighting together for God's will with you on the front line. I feel he is especially lonely for you all. I felt he wanted me to say something important to you on this the anniversary of his death.

So many times we are caught up in the urgency of our missions, the next conference, or accomplishment, but I think of all the things my husband taught me was 'how to love'. To him his family was 'Holy' and he always use to say, 'this is the Kingdom of Heaven', right here when we were all cuddling together. Without unity in the family everything else is so empty.

When your children are struggling to find God, when you cannot love your spouse, when your health is miserable, or you lose a spouse it is so difficult or unbearable.

When your spouse dies, you look back at your life and in spite of all the great accomplishments, you can only remember one and that is the love you shared as a family. The greatest sadness is to wake up alone on the other side of the bed and have no one to say hello to, cuddle with in the morning and pray with at...
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night. In spite of all that Tom and I did together for AFC, this is what I miss most and I know he does too. When someone dies, there is nothing worse than regret when you cannot love.

I see this all the time now as I work with widows and widowers all over the world from our church with the Ascended Families Association.

As I watch the conversations about the goals for AFC, I pray from my deepest soul that you will focus on internal goals as well. Through I can no longer be on the front line because of my health, my heart is always with AFC in everything you do. When I was in Washington, I experienced so much pain watching the way people relate because of the desperation of the mission at that time, yet it truly broke my heart. If we accomplish great things, but forget our relationships as brothers and sisters and how to take care of each other, it is very very painful to God. That is the thing I felt deeply missing in AFC in recent years and I hope that deep sense of a loving family can be revived that once existed in AFC.

I pray you will not forget the great and noble leaders of AFC. Especially our beloved dear Dr. Pak who is suffering so much now. Let us pray for him. Also for those who gave everything to create the foundation of AFC--- Mike Smith, Mike Leone, Joe Tully, David Caprara and all those whom I forgot, who have gone on to other missions, but whose blood, sweat and tears lies beneath each victory.

Also, I pray that you will recognize the incredible value of the precious sisters who have worked for and are currently working for AFC, many who are leading their missions there. I pray that if you create a board you will include them on such to help make decisions and give their input.

But most of all I pray that you will go home to your wife, take them in your arms and tell them how much you have appreciated their sacrifices over the last few years. Spend time with them and don’t forget to be there for their baseball games and football games. We must find a balance in spite of the importance of our mission.

Any day can be your last and you may never have a chance to tell them that or be there for them again.

Tom and I send our love, our heart, our appreciation to each precious AFC brother and sister that prayed for us, loved us, supported us and was there for us. We love you and miss you all.

From Heaven, your loving brother wanted you to know this.

With all our hearts,
In True Parents Love, Tom, Edy and David Iversen

Letter to the Editor II

Kitty Wojcik

This letter is in response to Marilyn Morris’ (Class of “83) letter that appeared in the March 2005 issue of E-Cornerstone. It comes from the wife of an ascended alumnus Tom Wojcik.

Dear Marilyn:

I read with great interest your article “Dealing With Reality” and saw my own thoughts expressed. I, too, tried for years to have my skills utilized in a leadership capacity in our movement but couldn’t get beyond the secretarial pool. In the same way you did, I began taking the “outside” world more seriously and obtained employment and regard in the community that follows my strengths.

I, too, wish to see open dialogue about what really happens when UC missionaries from overseas come to America. There might be the opportunity to set the record straight on who learns from who, what, when, and how.

As you found humility in front of the commonly-found good people coping with life and living their destiny in a hospital setting, so did I. Especially around the time of Tom’s ascension, but even now as I am the Director of Grants for a large regional hospital system here in MD. Sometimes I think that God’s presence is minimal in the church setting when compared to his presence in the healthcare environment where the life-and-death rubber hits the road.

Thank you for your timely article, Marilyn. Thank you for holding the hands of every nationality and character type that faces the death and ascension of a loved one. Maybe that’s what our training was really about anyway; loving all people beyond all the boundaries.

BTW. I still plan to have that UC Professional Women’s Retreat. Am really looking forward to that. Will be in touch.

Very respectfully yours,
Kitty Wojcik
Ministry Training Recommendation

I would like to recommend to all Alumni a ministry training program I came across. I was very impressed with the spirit, the heart, the insightful wisdom and the relevant field skills being offered by this training. I am considering what I can inherit from the foundation of what this interracial, interdenominational training ministry has to offer and also how to make it available to add value to the people for whom I am working to serve. For more details go to www.ministryinstitute.org.

Given my experience to date as a professional coach and consultant, I have found that this training is well-grounded in all the core elements of successful organizational development, effective leadership training and capacity building, all specifically focused on its application for successful ministry. I also found that this program was delivered with warmth and humor, while maintaining a no-nonsense dedication to address real issues with compassion, love and service.

I was seriously challenged, moved, excited and inspired by what I experienced and found it to be well worth the time that I have invested so far - I hope we can eventually have our own, well-refined version of this. In my opinion, from a leadership training perspective for those who are committed to build a successful ministry, this is too good to miss. As I was learning, I also had the opportunity to develop a relationship with a number of other clergy and Christian leaders who are as serious and committed as they can be to fulfill their missions and their calling to do God's work.

Since there might be one of these trainings scheduled to be in your area in 2005, I thought you might want to consider it a possibility for yourself or for the many others whom you know who are giving their best to serve God and humanity. In fact, I highly advocate that you consider at least sending a representative or scout to see how it might serve you and your mission. Even if one of these trainings is not scheduled directly in your area, I recommend that you (or a rep) consider making the trip to the nearest one.

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Sunday Sermon
by Rev. John David Doose ('83)

This sermon is being published to bring attention to a new service being provided by the UTS online community board. If you have given a sermon or have heard a sermon given by a UTS graduate that you feel is worthy of a larger audience please submit it for everyone to be inspired by. The UTS website will begin to archive these sermons.

June 5, 2005
Columbia, SC

Everything You Need is In the Seed

Readings

Luke 8: 10-18
and,

BEARING FRUITS OF THE WORLD OF FAITH AND STRENGTH
April 7, 1991

You may say, "But Father, you taught us everything. I know it all and I can teach it all, so why is it that you can go to where God is and I cannot?" The difference is that you did not act on it. What is the subject of the sermon this morning? Bearing the fruit of the religious world. Which do you want to be, the fruit or the flower, or the leaves? Which would you prefer, the first, second, or third? You prefer to be the fruit, right? Before autumn comes, the fruit must ripen. The leaves drop off when the cold weather comes, as will everything else on the tree. But the fruit which is ripened and picked will remain. That fruit represents all the rest-flowers, leaves, branch, trunk, even the root of the tree. Everything is there within the seed. What is the fruit? We become fruit-bearing so that when God visits us, He wants to pick us up because we are valuable.

When I harvest the fruit, then all those fruits--namely, you-----must have all the ingredients that I have been looking for so that when your seeds are planted, the same kind of sprout comes up. In order to do that, you have to have everything within that seed. If I sowed that seed, can you harvest the same kind of fruit? How are you going to educate your blessed children? That is the question.

You are planting the future generations now in your families. How great will be the seed you harvest? That is your serious situation. Your next generation follows the elder seed. The seed makes everything. That is the natural way.

INTRO:

I haven’t done a sermon in almost 2 years. When I received the request I was at the

Lowest point, physically, spiritually, mentally, etc. I’ve been at in a long time.

God wants me to give sermon so I can try to make some sense of the state I’m in, and hopefully in the process find some answers I need.

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When I got the request I was in the midst of a 40 day condition to repent for my very low state—41st day paid some physical indemnity with an accident while changing a tire. DP in action. Can’t pay with heart, you pay with your body.

Also DP in action---- no result no restoration. No unity with wife, No spiritual children, No success with ministers, No success with my tribe, No financial success ------Bottom line---total failure. All seeds have fallen on rock or thorns. No flowers, no fruit.

It doesn’t mean I’m separated from God.

In the first week of my condition God came to me and comforted me and reduced me to tears. He comforted me but he didn’t release me from my responsibility to become fruitful.

So I just want to testify honestly with my spiritual family that I’m still struggling big time with that fallen seed that still prevails in my life.

The seed of untruth —the seed of Satan.

The seed that produces bitter fruit.

That seed has put me on the Disabled List of the Unification Church for the last 9 months or so. And it has totally frustrated me for the 28 years I have been in this church. I’m on the DL because my heart is overwhelmed with failure.

So my giving this sermon today is another step God wants me take towards getting off the disabled list.

There is a passage from Luke 8 that is easy to miss--- the phrase in verse 15 “an honest and good heart” referring to the result of seed falling on good ground. Notice-- not just a good heart, but an Honest heart.

Satan's power consists principally in his ability to deceive. In the Bible Satan is portrayed as fundamentally a liar and his kingdom is a kingdom founded upon lies and deceit. So Jesus doesn’t just talk about a good heart, he adds the emphasis of an honest heart.

I don’t know if you remember the sermon that our Regional leader Rev. Yang gave the last time he was here but he brought up the point that in the Kingdom of God there are no secrets. Jesus says the same thing in Luke 8:17: For nothing is secret that shall not be made manifest. Neither anything hid, that shall not be known and come abroad.

And what is the key to turning a dishonest heart, a heart with secrets—a heart of rock and thorns--- into fertile ground for the seed of truth. Go back to Luke 8:15: “an honest and good heart, having heard the word, keeps it and brings forth fruit with patience.”

Hearing the word, reading the word and keeping the word (living by the word) makes a hardened heart a fertile heart that will bear a true fruit. But the heart that hears the word can’t just be good it has to also be honest. No honesty, no fruitfulness.

The 40 day condition I told you about was my attempt to be honest with God that my heart is filled with the pain of being unfruitful after 28 years. Essentially I was telling God “My Give a Damn is Busted” (a new country Song). And I don’t even know what I’m hiding or what it is I’m being dishonest about. That’s probably why I paid physical indemnity. It’s not easy to pay heartistic indemnity if you don’t even know what the problem is. There is apparently still something keeping my heart dishonest that I can’t identify, otherwise my life would not be so unfruitful.

Something perhaps only the ancestors know, something that has not been revealed to me yet.

True Father said: Within your heart I have planted a small seed of God's mind. (Through the Blessing) That seed must germinate and grow bigger and bigger, reaching out to your family, society, nation and your world.

Something is blocking the germination of my seed and I need God’s help figuring out if it needs more light, more air, more water or something else.

The key is daily watering, Hon Dok Hae. Plant the words of True Parents in your hearts and the hearts of your children. And be honest with God, your spouse, your children and with your brothers and sisters. Give that seed more light. Lets produce perfect fruit that will attract God to our Garden.

I will conclude with True Father’s words: You need to pledge, “Between my spouse and I, We pledge that we will grow our family to be this perfect seed which you can give a passing grade.” Don't miss this special time in history, make a success. I want all of you to succeed in this endeavor. That is my prayer for you.”
Barrytown Nature Trails Opened to Public

On Sunday, June 5th, UTS opened its hiking trails to the public. The trails include Father's and Mother's trails, which were created in the late 1970s, and three other trails that have been lovingly maintained by our groundskeeper, Howie Callies for over 25 years. Their official name is the Theodore Roosevelt Trails. Roosevelt, the former U.S. President, visited the property as a child, and was so inspired by the natural wonder that he decided to become a naturalist, a career which he ardently pursued for many years prior taking up politics.

Our Hoondokae church, consisting of four families who live and work at UTS, invited people from the surrounding communities for the opening day of the trails. As we walked the trails together, we shared with them some of the history of the families of this former historic estate. The lives of many prominent families, such as the Livingstons, Roosevelts, Astors, Aspinwalls, and others, have been intertwined with each other and with their beautiful estates along the river.

Afterwards, we had a barbecue by the Carp Pond. Among our guests were the heads of the Red Hook Trails Association. They quickly became interested in working with us on developing our trails project and connecting us with the New York state efforts to create one continuous trail along the Hudson River from Albany to Hyde Park and beyond.

Local people who attended, including the heir of another nearby Livingston estate, were delighted that UTS is making such efforts to serve the community.

We extend our welcome to UTS alumni, their families and friends. Come walk the trails. Enjoy the beauty and mystery of nature. See swans gliding on the lagoon through the evening mist after a rain; fish jumping; red tail hawks hunting; a doe and her fawn frolicking in the forest; rabbits, groundhogs, squirrels, chipmonks, and many, many more of God's creatures in their habitat, and birds galore! The views of the Hudson River and the Catskill Mountains are awesome.

Bring your Boy Scout or Girl Scout troop; have a picnic at the pond and go fishing in the river.

Become a Friend of the Barrytown Nature Trails Project and use the trails to enhance and further your own life and mission goals.

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Alumni Relations and Development at UTS

The Vision for Alumni Relations

A community of alumni and friends of UTS who exemplify the heart of God in action.

The Mission of Alumni Relations

To maintain a lifelong commitment to the success of each alumnus and alumna of UTS.

The Vision for Development

God is abundant. He created the world and remains faithful. In a reciprocal expression of faith and love, the alumni and friends of UTS give of their time, talents and treasure to reveal the Kingdom of God on Earth.

The Mission of Development

To harness the resources needed to support UTS education, maintaining faith, spiritual growth, and effective stewardship at the core of development and fundraising.