

Busan Senior Pastor Kim Su-young Graduates from Busan National University

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Busan Senior Pastor Kim Su-young (From 1964 class, at age 78) graduated and obtained a degree in history from the Busan National University on February 24, 59 years after he enrolled in the Humanities department.

Born in 1945, Rev. Kim Su-young entered the history department of Busan National University on March 2, 1964, but was expelled nine years later during the first semester of his third year (July 11, 1973). The reason for his expulsion was not due to the common factors, such as poor grades, but purely due to his religious beliefs and devotion.



Rev. Kim Su-young heard the Unification Principle, which addresses "the fundamental issues of life and the universe," from then-Pastor Hwang Han Chae of the Busan Church during the winter break in late December 1964, after his freshman year of college, and was struck by it and immediately realized "the true value of humanity and the purpose for which God created man and the universe.

His encounter with the Unification Principle prior to his twentieth birthday marked the beginning of a new chapter in his life.



Immediately after joining the Family Federation's youth CARP, in 1966, Rev. Kim Su-young attended 7-day and 21-day workshops to develop his religious insight, and after completing the fourth semester of his sophomore year, he fulfilled his military service, returning to school, and taking repeated leaves of absence to pursue his religious life. As a seminarian, Rev. Kim received a "notice of expulsion" from Busan National University on July 11, 1973, when he was preparing for pastoral work, working toward the VOC movement, the purity movement, rural service, religious reconciliation, and missionary work. And Rev. Kim Su-young walked the path of sacrifice, ministry, and mission for the rest of his life.

Pastor Kim is now in his mid-70s and has visited Busan National University several times to fulfill his

unfulfilled dream of graduating from college, but each time he was told that "it is practically impossible to return to school due to the relevant laws and academic regulations." One day, he received a phone call from Busan National University saying that the revision of the relevant laws to rejoin the university. After 47 years, on July 17, 2020, he was able to return to school for the first semester of his third year.

For a pastor in his late 70s, whose classes were held virtually due to the COVID-19 pandemic, and who had to use a computer keyboard to type his essays, completing assignments and writing his bachelor's thesis was a life-and-death struggle that most people wouldn't understand. But at the end of last year, thanks to the love of Heavenly Parent and True Parents, he completed the two-year academic curriculum and earned all the required credits, graduating with a bachelor's degree in February 2023. Speaking about his future plans, Rev. Kim said, "As I have gained an understanding of the Unification Principle and the way of life, I want to finish my life by living a life of 'filial piety' before the nation and heaven."



Biography

1964 Encounter with the Unification Principle

1965 Participates in the activities of the Collegiate Association for the Research of Principle (CARP)

1966 Became a member of CARP and participated in the activities of The International Christian Students Association (ICSA)

1972 First training for church leadership at Guri Center, Gyeonggi Province, South Korea Preparation for God's ministry: Special 40-day seminar, Divine Principle training, Bible study, testimony practice)

1973 Served as a pioneer church leader in Youngam County, South Jeolla Province (South Korea)
Received expulsion notice from Busan National University

1980 Appointed leader of the first Busan Student Center

1985 Appointed leader of Yeongdo Church

1988 Appointed leader of Haeundae Church (Busan)

1990 Prepared for international missionary work, sent to Africa as a missionary

1991 First mission country in Africa, Senegal, to the capital Dakar

1994 Missionary leader in Yamoussoukro (political capital of the Ivory Coast) and responsible for the West African sub-region, raised to the rank of king by the notability of Yamoussoukro

1995 Visit of True Parents to Côte d'Ivoire Celebration of the coronation ceremony of True Parents as King of Kings (Hôtel Ivoire, Abidjan, economic capital of Côte d'Ivoire)

1997 Appointed National Messiah of Sudan (moved to Sudan)

1999 Côte d'Ivoire is recognized as a country of excellence among the mission nations of the Family Federation

2000 Returned to Korea after completing missionary work: Appointed continental leader of Africa, participated in God's ministry activities

2023 Involved in Senior Church Leaders' activities