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Young Oon Kim

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*This is a **Korean name**; the family name is Kim.*

Young Oon Kim (1914–1989) was a leading [theologian](#) of the [Unification Church](#) and its first missionary to the [United States](#).^[1]

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Young Oon Kim

Born	1914
Died	1989 (aged 74–75)

Korean name

Hangul	김영운
Revised Romanization	<i>Kim Yeong-un</i>
McCune–Reischauer	<i>Kim Yŏng'un</i>

Career [[edit](#)]

Kim was a professor of religion at [Ewha University](#) in [Seoul, South Korea](#). After she joined the Unification Church, church founder [Sun Myung Moon](#) sent her to the United States as a missionary in January 1959.^[2] In the 1960s, while a missionary in [Oregon](#) and [California](#), she worked to promote Unification Church theology to mainstream Christian churches. She was also the first person to translate the *[Divine Principle](#)*, the basic textbook of Unification Church teaching, from Korean to English.^[3] From 1975 to 1988 she was a Professor of Systematic Theology at the [Unification Theological Seminary](#) in [Barrytown, New York](#), and the first Unification Church member on the faculty there.^[4]

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