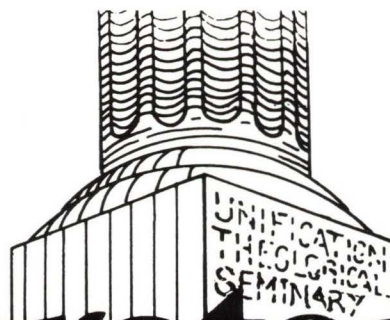


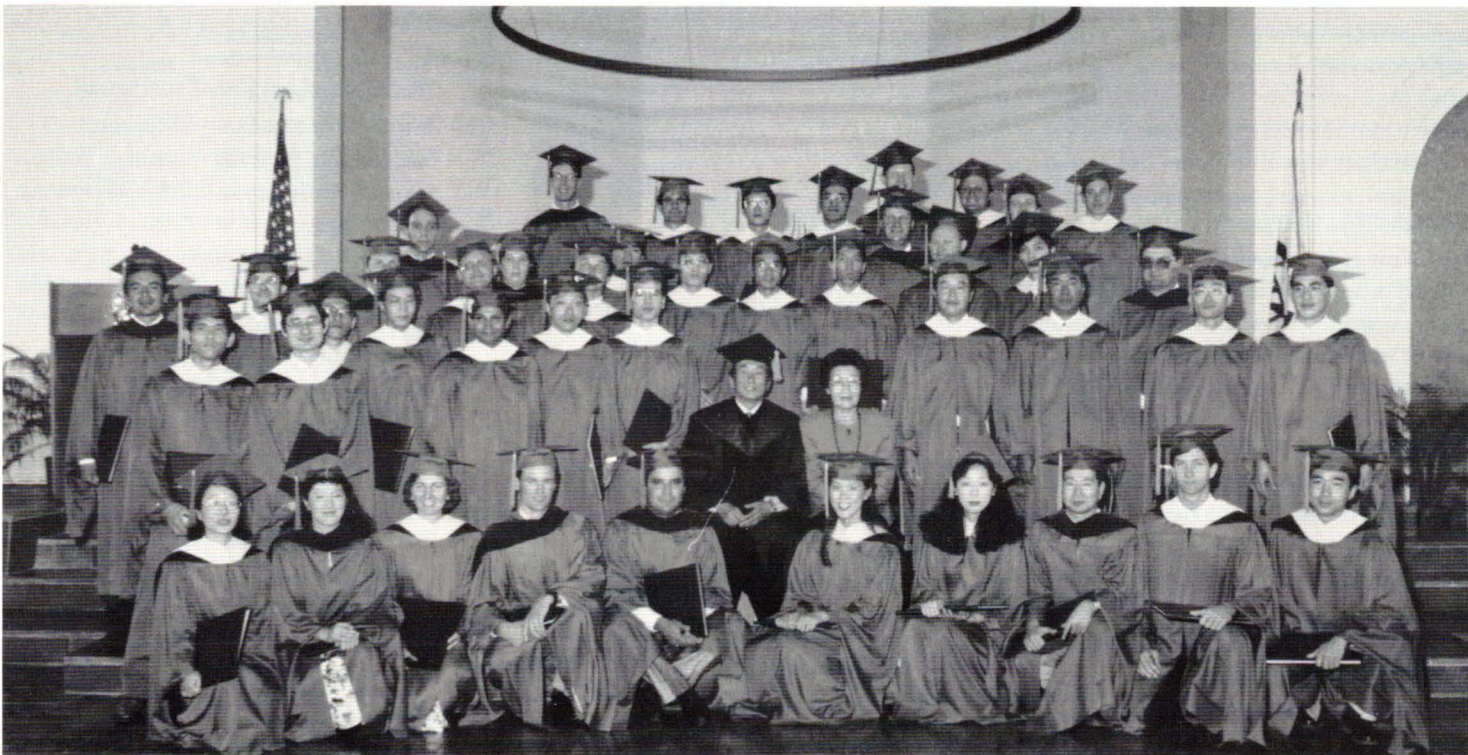
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## UTS 16th Commencement — 47 New Graduates



On Sunday, June 28th, the 16th Commencement at the Unification Theological Seminary took place. The Chapel was filled to capacity as friends, neighbors and family members from many states and eleven foreign countries came to attend and witness the 47 graduates receive the M.R.E. and M.Div. degrees. The Reverend Sun Myung Moon, Founder, could not attend, but his address was read by the President of UTS, Dr. David S.C. Kim. In his speech, the Reverend Moon challenged the graduates to be champions

and sacrifice themselves for the sake of others, in order to bring about a nation of God and a world of true love centered upon God. "Give yourself to others and forget your giving. Then give again. This is the nature of true love."

Mr. David Hanna, a UTS Junior, played an organ prelude to begin the processional march as the faculty and graduates entered the Chapel. Then, the strains of *The Star Spangled Banner*, sung by the choir and congregation, accompanied by the organ, filled the audience with a patriotic fervor, creating a

high spiritual atmosphere that permeated every corner of the Chapel.

Mr. W. Farley Jones, Secretary of the Board of Trustees, gave the Welcome Address, after which the Invocation was given by the Reverend Dr. Shawn Byrne, UTS Chaplain. The congregation then sang, *Be Thou My Vision*, accompanied by the organ and choir followed by the conferring of diplomas by President David S.C. Kim.

Dr. Richard L. Rubenstein, Robert O. Lawton Distinguished Professor Religion at Florida State University, gave the



Congratulatory Remarks. He spoke very forcefully to the graduates encouraging them to pursue the ideal of family values, saying that, in effect, he did not trust the motivation of politicians when they spoke about family values. He said that if there was to be a revolution in morals, they would have to help bring it about.

M.Div. graduate, C. Thomas Phillips, offered the Graduate Response. He compared the commencement exercise to the termination phase in counselling, calling for a reflection on past experiences and how they might be used to prepare for future challenges. Remarking that just as each class feels there is something special about the makeup of their class, the class of '92 was one of the first classes to assume the financial responsibilities of tuition together with their other responsibilities as students, spouses and parents. And just as the students were initially challenged with their new role as students while bearing many other responsibilities, their future mission in the C.I.S. (former USSR) presents an even greater challenge.

The final offering of the UTS Choir, under the direction of Kerry Williams (Dean of Students), was a beautiful rendition of *Spirit, Now Live in Me*, after which Dr. Kim read Reverend Moon's Commencement Address and gave the benediction and closing prayer.

Dr. Michael Mickler, Assistant Professor of Church History and Communications, and graduate of the class of '77, was the M.C. for the luncheon banquet at which Dr. Richard Arthur, Assis-

tant Professor of New Testament, played the introductory music on the piano. A varied and lively program of entertainment was presented, interspersed by the traditional presentations of the graduation plaque and Senior class gift. This year's graduating classes contributed \$2,000 toward a stone engraving to

replace the wooden Seminary sign at the entrance to the Seminary and \$150 towards a large photo of the of the audience to which Mother spoke during her tour of Korean cities in April of 1992. Greetings from the Faculty were given by Dr. Anthony Guerra, Professor at Bard College and a graduate of the class of '78.

In the evening, after a delicious buffet dinner, the traditional musical play was presented. Directed by Jerry Chesnut and produced by Patrick Eiger, the 30-minute Broadway version of *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat* thoroughly delighted the audience. Michael Balcomb played Joseph, Heather Schinwald sang as the Narrator, and many other students and staff lent their time and talents for the success of the show. Vincent Savage was hilarious as Potiphar's wife, but when the two chubby Ishmaelites (a special appearance by Lloyd Anderson and Frank Lagrotteria) came on stage the laughter brought down the house. All in all, the entire production came together so well that the applause was thunderous at the grand finale.

Then, on that spiritual high note, President Kim came on stage and presented a farewell gift to each graduate. After the last gift had been given, Dr. Kim called the entire cast back on stage and they led the audience in singing the theme song from the play, *Make Your Dream Come True*. This brought to a close a perfect day.

Sarah M. Witt

## The Class of 1992

### Master of Religious Education

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Ikutaro Asakura  
Makato Atarashi  
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Meepe Dhammaloka  
Michio Fujii  
Masafumi Fujita  
Kazunori Furuichi  
Sabry N. Gheberial  
Shinji Gyoten  
Nobuyuki Iioka  
Nicholas G. Kernan  
Mitch Lawrie—*magna cum laude*  
Jae-Il Lee  
Graham Lester—*cum laude*  
Pietro Marchitelli  
Makiko Maruyama  
Hideyasu Masuzawa  
Katashi Matsuura  
Jinho Moon  
Atsushi Murakami  
Haeng Ho Myung  
Junko Nakajima  
Toshiyuki Nakamura  
Gregg S. Noll  
Koichi Ono  
Cabot W. Peterson  
Hitoshi Sasaki  
Hiroshi Suzuki  
Janine Takahashi  
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Toshihiro Yoshida

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Fiona Haines

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Dennis O. Delaney  
Misa Fukui  
Lawrence Haft  
William S.H. Haines—*cum laude*  
Gregg Jones  
Shoichi Kimura  
Enrique Ledesma—*cum laude*  
William G. Peat—*magna cum laude*  
C. Thomas Phillips—*magna cum laude*  
Marco A. Rodriguez  
Paul G. Saver  
William S. Stoertz—*cum laude*  
Eric Sylte



## 16th Commencement Address

Reverend Sun Myung Moon

Distinguished guests, respected professors, parents of our students and friends, ladies and gentlemen:

Today I wish to extend my warm and sincere congratulations to the 47 honorable graduates who are participating in the 16th graduation ceremony of the Unification Theological Seminary. Hereby, we are celebrating their future.

In speaking of the future, allow me to share with you my hopes for a world of peace and harmony. What is the most precious thing in the world? Simply said, it is true love centered upon God. If there is anything that you cannot buy with money or power it is true love. True love is unique in that it cannot be actualized except within a relationship. This requires give and take between two beings, a subject and an object. Love between husband and wife, love between parent and child, and love between brothers and sisters are all experienced within relationships.

In the same way, in order for God to fulfill the ideal of true love, He created the universe to be His object. Of all His creation, humankind, as His sons and daughters, was created to be His primary object of love. It is only through true love that we can experience true unity between God and humans, between men and women, and among all the creatures of the earth.

True love is the ultimate center of all unified and absolute values. This love originates from the action of sacrificing oneself for the sake of others. Give yourself to others and forget your giving. Then give again and again. This is the nature of true love. When God created His object of love, He gave Himself for the sake of His entire creation and invested 100 percent of Himself. And then He invested again, again and again.

In the world of nature, we are able to observe, when air moves a vacuum is created. Then air rushes back in a circular motion to fill the vacuum. In human life, when we give our love until we have no more to give, then God's unlimited love rushes back into our hearts to fill the void. Absolute giving for the sake of others, therefore, will bring us unlimited energy. God stands in the subject position of giving love to humankind. His original nature of giving love again and again creates a perpetual dynamic motion characterizing God's eternal existence. Thus, eternal life is the natural consequence of living the way of true love.

If you can stand in the position of God's absolute and unchangeable love, you can be where God is. You will have the right to live together with Him all the time. That's why Jesus said: I am with God, God is within me. If we, as human beings, resonate with God's love and enter a sphere of unified oneness with Him, then God's love will be our love, God's life will be our life, God's lineage will be our lineage, and God's creatures will be our creatures. It is, therefore, by God's design that humans are created to live for the sake of others. By living and sacrificing for others, the ideal of love can be realized.

With this in mind, we cannot expect world

peace to result from the contemporary philosophy of individualism in which each person lives for oneself. It is the intention of evil to destroy the sphere in which the individual dwells as an object of God. When that occurs, what remains is the individual living only for oneself. This is the fundamental cause of family breakdown, racial conflict, economic disparity, and disunity between religions.

America was founded upon the Judeo-Christian spirit of love. Then how did it develop this culture of individualism? While fighting communism, I have continually tried to awaken America's youth and I have repeated my warnings to the free world so they would not be affected by this degenerating pattern of individualism.

Yet, America is still suffering from a variety of social ills. Drug abuse, the AIDS epidemic, and increasing criminal violence still plague this great country. Even the considerable military, economic and intellectual might of America has not and cannot cure these social ills and diseases. I came to America only with the desire to help save this nation. Even after this country indicted me, I am still committed to this cause.

Although this country has repeatedly rejected me, I have continued my best efforts to awaken America to its providential responsibility. God loves America and its Judeo-Christian heritage and looks to this nation to assume the central role in saving the world from the collapse of traditional values.





God's absolute purpose is to save humankind and His strategy is to absorb evil. In other words, to "take the first blow" and suffer loss. But then, over the course of time, God would regain even more than what was lost. Evil, on the other hand, always strikes first, then claims initial or temporary victory, but ultimately in the end loses everything and all. As you know, during the World Wars I and II, and even during the Cold War, the countries that struck the first blow eventually lost.

If a righteous person endures persecution, his commitment plants a seed of respect and admiration in the consciences of his oppressors. Eventually, that seed will grow and transform the hearts of many for generations to come. This quiet revolution of the heart is our Heavenly Father's secret strategy and weapon.

Now, let us turn our attention and concern to the nation of America and the world. In the next decade, our task will be more difficult than ever. We cannot relax just because the fight with communism has ended. For example, who can halt the surging wave of immorality that is sweeping America and the whole world, the entire globe? This world is becoming a society that worships hedonism and seeks only to stimulate carnal desires. The war against drugs in this country has been a complete and utter failure.

The riots that occurred recently in Los Angeles confronted us with issues that cannot be solved merely with more police, more laws, more money, or more

political negotiations and settlements. Without the true love of God on earth, that is, without people living and sacrificing for the sake of others, we will not be able to solve these problems.

It is important to realize that giving and sacrificing for the sake of others is the only way to es-

tablish yourself as the head of the family and of the society, and to become true leaders of your nation. When your family, society, and nation follow you in practicing the great principles of true love, then you will become the champions in the establishment of world peace.

What we need is a revolution—a moral revolution—a revolution of true love. Furthermore, this revolution is needed everywhere. Mrs. Moon and I are working to organize this now in Korea. As you may know, I visited North Korea last November. That event shocked the whole world. It was considered an impossibility due to my longtime stand against communism. As early as 1985 I had predicted and proclaimed the fall of communism and the economic disintegration of the Soviet Union. I was known in many communist countries as a national enemy. My visit to North Korea, therefore, was a life-risking trip for my wife and for me.

I went to North Korea out of love for my country and out of a fervent desire for the reunification of my homeland. I met with President Kim Il Sung and had a meaningful dialogue. Even with differences of opinion, dialogue is always useful. Isolation is always

dangerous. The President of North Korea promised me that the nuclear issue will be settled to the satisfaction of the United States. The moment of truth on this issue is coming very soon. All in all, I feel my visit contributed tremendously to easing the tension in Asia and the world.

In that atheistic country, I preached that God and true love must be the basis and spirit for national unification and permanent peace. Recently, evangelist Billy Graham visited North Korea and met with Kim Il Sung. Rev. Graham is well-known for his work as the first to preach in several communist countries, this time, however, it was my privilege to be God's instrument and speak God's words in communist North Korea.

Today we are beginning another decade of service to America and God. I expect all of you who are graduating today, whose importance can hardly be matched in the entire providence of God, to become witnesses of the Living God and witnesses of true love. There lie even greater challenges ahead of all of us, therefore I pray that each one of you will become examples for all humankind and that you can educate all people through an exemplary life.

In order to meet these challenges I want every one of you to be a champion. In the next ten years, let us build a moral America and a better world for our next generation of children. You can surely count on my support.

May God bless you and your missions and your families. Thank you very much.





## Congratulatory Remarks

**Dr. Richard L. Rubenstein**

I address myself especially to the members of the graduating classes who have received their degrees on this occasion. I preface my remarks by telling you that, in addition to the deep satisfaction that I receive watching you receive your diplomas, I happen to be a trustee of the Unification Theological Seminary, there is also a personal moment of satisfaction. This is the 16th Annual Commencement and it was my high privilege to offer the benediction at the first commencement so that to come back and to see the school as it has developed, I have watched it develop, and to see a plant flower is a devout satisfaction.

You have completed your respective courses of study and are about to embark on to unique life voyages. Hundreds of thousands of students will graduate in this country in colleges and universities, professional schools and theological seminaries this spring, but few will proceed to vocations as unique or as challenging as you the graduates of the Unification Theological Seminary. You go forth not to a life of acquisition, but to a life of service. And as the years of service are accumulated I have no doubt that you will understand that you have met the most profound human needs in a way to a life given over to acquisition and consumption for their own sakes can never match. It will, on occasion, be difficult for you. It will, on occasion, be frustrating for you. You

may, on occasion, wonder why you did not take the other path. I nevertheless have no doubt that that wonder will pass, that questioning will pass and you will know that you have chosen the right path.

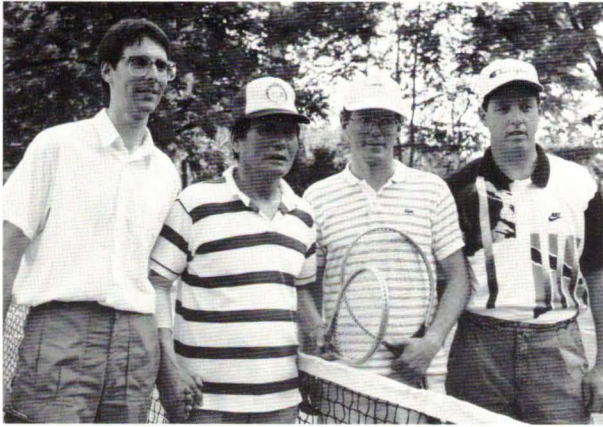
I've been informed that many of you will proceed to the Commonwealth of Independent States, of the former Soviet Union, to take up your labors. Those of you who plan to do so do not need me to tell you of the political, social and economic instability that will confront you there. Although communism has been thoroughly discredited, the transition from communism to capitalism will take a long time. You're in the unavoidable transition, the average incomes of the people you will meet will be much lower than they were under communism. Let me give you an example. Taking the most prosperous, most advanced industrial of all the communist states, the Republic of Germany, two years after German unification the industrial production of the former country is 80% below what it had been before unification. Fifty percent of the labor force is expected to end up unemployed before the worst is over.

The situation is far worse in the Commonwealth of Independent States to which many of you go. In addition to the problems of shifting from communism to capitalism, the unified economy of the former Soviet Union must be ripped apart and reassembled. So what is going to be a whole new group of states and nationalities will rise and to find their way and, if possible, achieve political and economic liability. The dangers inherent in these transformations are obvious, all we have to do is look at what is happening in Serbia this very day to know the dangers that are there.

Nevertheless, while there is danger, there is for you great opportunity. Perhaps greater opportunity than any where else in the world at the present time. Let me just share with you one example of how I see that opportunity.

I shall never forget a meeting I had last November, November 19th 1991, with the members of the faculty of Philosophy of St. Petersburg University in St. Petersburg, Russia. I was invited to join with them to have a discussion. Dr. Gordon Anderson, the Secretary General of PWPA International, was with me. We didn't know what they were going to ask us to talk about, but when we sat down there was only one topic which was on their minds. They wanted to know about the Unification Church, they wanted to know about its ideas, its ideals, they wanted to know about *Divine Principle*. And it was obvious why they wanted to know. Communism had collapsed, Marxism had corrupted as an ideology, it no longer worked, nobody believed in Marxism except a few who believed in it for the sake of their jobs, but the Russians had never felt at home with the secular culture of the European and American enlightenment. Many of them had come from Orthodox Christian backgrounds, but because of the destructive work that communism had done against religion, they were not able to go back. So they were looking for another way. And they thought perhaps this would be another way. I cannot predict whether it will be another way for them or not, but it an opportunity for you. An unmatched opportunity which once the door of opportunity is





closed will not come again so quickly. So while I know that you think of the dangers that lie ahead of you, there are enormous opportunities for service, for guidance, for mission in the former Soviet Union precisely at this historic moment as my former teacher at Harvard used to speak of moments of *Kairos*, that special moment that came but seldom was decisive, and this is such a moment, such a moment for you. And as you go forth to your service, by all means, make the most of it.

There is also work to be done throughout the world, let me speak of the country I know best, the United States. For many, many years we saw that there was a conflict between communism and capitalism. And we knew that capitalism was the better way, but there was one thing we did not understand in the United States, which we now understand with the demise of communism. And that is that there is more than one form of capitalism and the American form of capitalism is not working. As Reverend Moon himself has taught on many occasions, there is a Japanese form, there is a German form, both of which are working better than the American form.

And there is one thing regarding this country, Reverend Moon has told us of the profound need for a moral revolution and I wholeheartedly agree with him. Now, as all you know, there has been a lot of talk by politicians, and not just by Republican politicians, about the deterioration of family values, the need to have family values, but I will tell you I am skeptical about all the poli-

icians talk of family values. I suspect the Spin Doctors in Washington have said, "Let's distract the country from their real values and problems by talking to them about what's really on their minds." We all are concerned with the deterioration of family, we all are concerned with what is happening with single parent families and worse, but that's not the reason why

politicians are talking about it. Politicians are talking about it because the politicians want to change the subject from their failures. And I don't have to go into their failures. You only have to listen to Reverend Moon to know what their failures are. If there is to be a moral revolution, if there is to be a genuine resurrection of values it will only come about from a religious transformation, not through a political transformation.

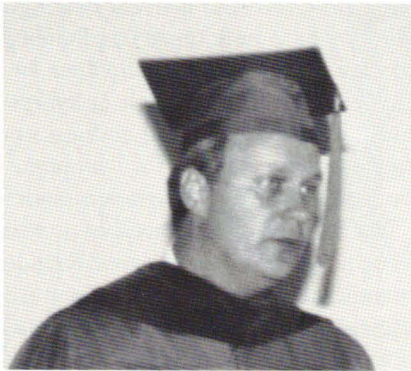
There is an enormous difference between Reverend Moon's discussion of and teaching about the God centered families and the politicians talk about family values. We know that there is work to be done and let me just give you an example of Reverend Moon. I could give you examples of other teachers, by why not give you the example of the teacher who is closest to you. I ask you, has he changed values in people, has he changed lifestyles of people, has he changed morals in people? YES!!! And if there is to be a revolution of morals, you are part of the community that will help to bring this about by the force of your religious commitment and by the force of your religious faith. And I'd like to congratulate you on the first stage of your journey into service. I look forward to the years ahead where a

genuine transformation can take place in this country.

Let me just say one word as to what that transformation is. You cannot have people talking about family values and at the same time talking about radical individualism as if radical individualism was the way to go. Our economic system has been too much based on radical individualism. That cancels family values because it spills over into the idea that my feelings, my pleasures, my ego are more important than the family. I know young men, young women, it happened to be just this week that I heard of a young man who's wife is expecting their second child. He discovers he's in love with another woman, so he thinks of his feelings. Of course there are no feelings at all, if he understood himself and realized he was running away from his responsibilities. That's what happens when we think of ourselves too much, instead of thinking of ourselves as a part of a community, a part of the whole, and only religion can help with that transformation.

I conclude by saying that the words of the hymn we've just sung ought to be, for you, the words that inspire and guide as you go forward. I was so impressed with them as I sang them, let me read them to you: *Be thou my Wisdom, and Thou my true Word; I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord; Thou my great Father, I Thy true son; Thou in me dwelling, and I with Thee one. Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise, Thou mine inheritance, now and always: Thou and Thou only, first in my heart, High King of heaven, my Treasure Thou art. God Bless You.*





## Graduate Response

### C. Thomas Phillips

President David S.C. Kim, members of the Administration and Faculty, Esteemed Guests, Parents, Friends, Ladies and Gentlemen:

It is not an easy task for one person to stand here and to represent a class so diverse as ours here at the Unification Theological Seminary. However, I feel that at this time we are all experiencing various, and sometimes conflicting, emotions simultaneously. For us this ceremony represents a crossing point in our lives. It is the ending of one phase of our life and the beginning of another phase. It is in this perspective that I would like to share reflections on the significance of this day for myself and, as much as possible, to speak for my fellow graduates.

In counseling we learned the importance of termination as the final phase of counseling, bringing to a conclusion all the progress experienced through the process and reflecting upon how to approach the challenges of the future. Bringing to a completion the process of counseling can greatly affect the next phase of a person's life. I think this can also apply to other aspects of our lives as well. This time represents a termination of our role as students at UTS. This does not mean that we are burning our bridges behind us. But it is a solemn recognition that we will never be gathered here together under the same circumstances and situations as before; it is the end of the phase of our life at UTS as students and fellow classmates.

The end of our studies is accompanied with a certain amount of relief and joy. But the end of our studies has meant far more than finishing the last page of our theses and term papers. It has been more than the last meeting of our classes. As we reflect on our last two or three years, along with our feelings of accomplishment, there are some feelings that we should have done more in various ways.

The goals of the seminary are very high and we each came here with our own expectations. Our goals encourage us to aspire to the completion of God's ideals and our expectations are that things can be such as they were originally intended in God's plan. There is usually some pain involved when our goals are not reached and our expectations are not met. But we realize that the value of our experience here rests within how well we have used and appreciated the opportunities given to us here. These reflections and our own resolve will decide how well spent our time here has been. And much of our resolve can influence how effective we will be in the next phase of life that is awaiting us.

While at UTS we have had the opportunity to share with students and faculty from different cultures, different religious traditions and representing different aspects of our movement. We have had the chance to reflect upon our victories and our mistakes and to reflect on how we can be more effective in building bridges from East to West, between races and religions and creating the one world family of humankind under God that our vision sees imminently possible in our lifetime.

Each class feels that there is something special about the makeup of their class and in this way our class is no different. Of the many special attributes of the graduating class of '92, I feel that our class is distinguished in being one of the first

classes to assume the financial responsibilities of tuition together with our other responsibilities as students, spouses and parents. I feel that this ability to carry on many responsibilities simultaneously is one of the aspect of leadership that our founder, Reverend Moon, is looking for students to cultivate here at UTS.

I feel that it may be partially on this foundation that our class has been asked to participate in the exciting developments in the Commonwealth of Independent States, the former Soviet Union. And just as many of us were not quite sure how we could handle the new situations and challenges of being a student together with our responsibilities to our families, we find ourselves challenged on a higher level in our future responsibilities.

Since we have been in the seminary the world has greatly changed. Communism is no longer a world threat. The Soviet Union no longer stands and an obstacle for the proclamations of God's word has been removed. There is a sense that the world is facing an opportunity for a new beginning. The world is seeking leadership at this changing time and we are ever more convinced of the need for the Principles of Unificationism in the world today. While our movement has yet to reach its full potential, the C.I.S. represents a challenge for our movement to fulfill a need with practical solutions and models which our movement is uniquely suited to perform.

As the title of today's ceremony implies this is also a new beginning for us





as graduates. We realize that however challenging that our life at UTS has been that great challenges await us as we seek to transform culture and build bridges of understanding amongst peoples of the world. We recognize that the privileges granted to us with this degree are not the recognition of any special knowledge which will transform our movement and the world. But we are granted the privilege to serve and to sacrifice for the benefit of others. We take our calling seriously and we will strive to be on the vanguard of putting the Principles of true love into action in our service to God and humankind.

At this time we would like to express our gratitude to the administration and faculty who have provided the atmosphere for our academic pursuits. And

while we do not fully recognize the tremendous task that they have shouldered, we have appreciated the opportunity to enter into the vast religious heritages shared here and to see God's hand at work in the world's religions. Also our gratitude goes out to our parents and friends who have helped to make this a special occasion. Acknowledgement is also due to the underclass men and women who have carried on the tradition of bearing responsibility for today's events.

Thank you very much.

### *Dr. Kim's Prayer*

Our Heavenly Father, we thank you for these new 47 Graduates on this special and joyful day.

May your blessing be upon these Graduates as they go out into the mission field. They will be facing the challenges of this conflict-torn world with renewed faith and determination.

We pray for Your heavenly strength and power to help these Graduates in their future lives, and to help them face the persecution and struggle in trying to build a better world of goodness and righteousness. We pray for Your protection and guidance in their new missions.

Our Father in Heaven, all of us wish to become champions, as our Founder mentioned in his Commencement Address, for Your cause and to work to alleviate the suffering and pain in our world and society. We know that Your "ideal" is nothing less than the Kingdom of Heaven on Earth, Kingdom building for Heavenly Father.

Father, this day, with these 47 new Graduates, we repledge and re-dedicate our future and lives to you. We offer this day, this Seminary, and ourselves to Your glory and for Your Will.

We ask all this in the Names of True Parents. Amen.

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