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Giving, Freedom, & Our Future

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"Tens of thousands of years after the twenty-first century, the world will follow the ideal of living for the sake of others, rather than the live-for-myself philosophy. People will not follow or like the live-for-myself way of thinking."

- Rev. Dr. Sun Myung Moon

Greetings!

It could be fairly said the defining element of those who identify with the Unification Movement is that at one time or another in our lives, we have been touched by the teachings of Rev. and Mrs. Sun Myung Moon. Reflecting on Father's legacy, I have asked myself what is the core message he strove to leave behind? If I had to choose one word to describe Rev. Moon, what would that be?



For me, that one word would be: *giving*. To pick just two of countless times: his 14 hours of non-stop speaking about God's nature, will and ideal I experienced in the 1980s at Belvedere; and when he returned during temporary releases from Danbury prison and spent that time telling us not to worry, that God would use his incarceration to further bless America. The main lesson, in my mind, was: here is a man who is constantly striving to find ways to give *more and more*.

While he was battling his federal court case in 1982, he launched The Washington Times, and in 1984, purchased 250 trucks to be used to deliver food to the needy shortly before entering prison.

How many foreigners in the U.S. decide, *while on trial or in prison*, to spend more than a billion dollars of precious resources to serve the nation *that incarcerated them*?



Those of us left behind after his passing to the spirit world face the question - *what will we do now*? Each of us has a different answer, but I suggest one way to pass on his legacy is to focus on this core teaching. After all, according to Rev. Moon, giving is not just a nice thing to do, *it is the core attribute of God*.

(to read rest of this essay, visit Giving, Freedom and our Future

at AppliedUnificationism Blog

The Giving Institute at UTS/Barrytown College

For these reasons, I propose the establishment of the *Giving Institute at UTS/Barrytown College*. The institute would bring together spiritual and scientific perspectives on this essential human trait that Father exemplified in his own life and spoke about so often. It would foster the creation of documentary videos, curricula, conferences, journals and publications, all posted online, that delve into this theme, with hundreds of stories of sacrificial giving to inspire and encourage the coming generations to live this way of life.

As a first step, we are inviting people to send in stories of how giving, either by themselves or someone they know, impacted their lives (for more information or to submit a story, whether text, audio or video, contact us at givingstoryproject@uts.edu).

We have also begun generating documentary videos that explore different aspects of "giving" in Barrytown College Media Arts classes. Similarly, Barrytown College's ongoing 2014 video competition has the theme of "giving."

For more information about Barrytown College, visit our website or come to one of our Open Houses on campus. Next Saturday, March 8 is our next Open House.



Still Time to Enter 2014 Video Competition! A reminder for teen or young adult filmmakers about the *2014 Barrytown College Video competition* whose theme this year is "GIVING." The top prizes will be \$2,000, \$1,000, and \$500. For applicants to Barrytown College, prize-winners can receive an additional \$1,000 scholarship to the school, which has an active Media Arts program. Genres may be fiction/narrative, documentary/ interview, or animation. For more information, visit [2014 Barrytown College Video Contest](#).

A Reminder...

Barrytown's beautiful campus has been a place for learning and spiritual inspiration for nearly 100 years. Religious scholars and spiritual teachers have taught here since the 1970s and in 2013, Barrytown College's unique undergraduate world religions and philosophy program was launched. The college is a place for students to discover what it means to be a *true global citizen* in our fast-changing, multi-cultural world.

To help Barrytown continue its legacy as a place of learning and inspiration, we need your support. Take a moment now explore how you can help.

* Like us on Facebook * Recommend a student * Host an Event to promote Barrytown College

* **Help support the Barrytown Renovation Project** or to pass on the gift of a Unificationist college education by donating to one of the scholarship funds by giving .

* For those who wish to continue their graduate studies, UTS offers 3 Masters degree programs and a Doctoral program as well. Go to UTS.edu.

I invite you to JOIN WITH US in building a future at Barrytown
that we can all be proud of to leave for succeeding generations.

Sincerely,

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