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Joint Statement to American Unification Movement by UTS Board Chair & President

Michael W. Balcomb and Richard A. Panzer
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Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Last night at a special meeting of the UTS Board of Directors, the trustees, mindful of the input of several hundred of you from around the nation, affirmed its intention to work together with the HSA leadership to find ways to keep the Barrytown property that all of us cherish and love and move toward a sustainable future for UTS and all of its programs.

We thank all of you for your emails of support and offers to contribute, donate and to help recruit students for the college and the seminary. A "Save Barrytown Taskforce," composed of students, alumni, trustees and other friends of the school is being organized that will make recommendations about strategies to raise funds. Details will be made public next week.

We will be sending out a survey developed by Drs. Hendricks, Mickler, Wilson and Winings to assess the needs and interests of our current Unification leaders and pastors for training in ministry. On the table will be ways to make it possible for leaders around the country to access this training without having to move to New York. This will guide us as we seek ways to make UTS programs more useful for church growth going towards 2020.

We deeply appreciate your strong message of support for keeping Barrytown and UTS as key actors in educating our leadership at this important time in America and in the Unification Movement.

Sincerely,

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