

## Breaking! UTS Alumni Conference will start afternoon on Sunday May 24th

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### IMPORTANT !!

True Mother (Mrs. Hak Ja Han Moon) is going to speak on the morning of Sunday May 24th at the Manhattan Center, NYC.

THEREFORE the UTS Alumni Conference is rescheduled to begin on Sunday 24th afternoon.

The previous Sunday morning sessions will move to Monday 25th in the afternoon.

Here are the schedules, costs and information you need to know for Saturday's graduation May 23rd and also the Alumni Conference on Sunday May 24th and Monday May 25th

The 1st section covers the schedule

The 2nd section covers the costs: the conference and the meals

- The 3rd section covers REGISTRATION
- The 4th section covers hospitality if you are planning to stay at Barrytown
- The 5th section covers outlines of the conference sessions

If you have already made plans for breakfast and lunch at UTS Barrytown on Sunday 24th and have pre-registered for those then you will be contacted and the money for those meals refunded.

Many UTS alumni are now expected to attend the Sunday service on May 24th in Manhattan, and because the UTS kitchen needs a minimum of 25 people to open and make breakfast and lunch, those meals will no longer be offered.

The Sunday evening meal is still planned to go ahead.

I do need you to SIGN UP online for that meal so that I can get the exact number of guests to the UTS kitchen manager, and the kitchen can then prepare for the right number of people.

Sorry for any inconvenience. At UTS we are adapting to the circumstances.

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Director of Development



### Section 1

Memorial Weekend Program  
Saturday May 23rd – Monday May 25th

### UTS GRADUATION

Saturday 23rd  
3:00-4:30 PM  
39th Commencement at UTS, Barrytown

Alumni are invited to walk with the graduating class

4:30- 5:30 PM

Reception in *UTS Dining Commons*  
Come say hello at the UTS Alumni table

### ALUMNI CONFERENCE

**Sunday 24th**

1:30 PM onwards

Registration (the table will be in the UTS Dining Commons)

2:15-2:30 PM

Welcome

Introduction to Sessions - *UTS Dining Commons*

2:30-4:00 PM

Session 3

Gender Balance and DP – Alison Wakelin, Jeanne Carroll and Kathleen Burton

4:00-4:30 PM

Break

4:30-6:00 PM

Session 4

The future of UTS and the Barrytown property – Hugh Spurgin

6:00-7:30 PM

Dinner - *UTS Dining Commons*

7:30-9:00 PM

Session 5

Save America- Donna Ferrantello

**Monday 25th**

7:30 onwards

Registration (the table will be in the UTS Dining Commons)

7:00- 7:45 AM

Memorial Service for ascended alumni, faculty and staff - UTS Chapel

7:45- 9:00 AM

Breakfast – *UTS Dining Commons*

9:00-10:30 AM

Session

Virtues and Character Education for Leadership and Personal Development- Alan Saunders, Robin Graham

10:30-11:00 AM

Break

11:00 AM-12:30 PM

Session

A. Governance- Non-profits and faith communities – Jim Dougherty, Gregg

Noll, Mike Mickler, Mark Isaacs, Noah Ross

B. Remembering Father; a poetic tribute – Lloyd Howell

12:30-1:30 PM

Lunch outside on picnic tables or in *UTS Dining Commons* (in case of inclement weather).

1:30- 3:00 PM

Session 1

What does Principled education look like? – Robert Beebe

3:00- 3:30 PM

Break

3:30- 5:00 PM

Session 2

Interreligious and Interfaith peace-building – Abdou Gaye, Essi Zahedi

Section 2

## **COSTS**

### **Graduation Saturday May 23rd**

Everyone is invited, no charge. The reception is also free; hosted by UTS for graduates, relatives, guests, friends, and alumni.

Please indicate on the registration page if you will

- 1. Attend the graduation on Saturday May 23rd at 3:00 PM
- 2. Join other alumni and “walk” with (behind) the graduating class of 2015

### **Alumni Conference**

Register online before the end of day May 17th and get the conference price at \$25  
From May 18th it will be \$35

### **Sunday May 24, Meal Plan**

There will now only be Option C which is 1 meal:

Dinner and costs \$12

Coffee and teas will be served throughout the afternoon and are included in the price  
To get this price and reserve a meal, you MUST pay in advance on the registration page.  
Expect to pay 33% more after May 17th and at registration.

Alternatively plan to eat off-campus.  
ie Option C will become \$16 pp

### **Monday May 25th Meal Plans**

Option D is 2 meals: breakfast and lunch and is \$16

Option E is 1 meal: lunch and is \$11

To have these prices and reserve meals, you MUST pay in advance on the registration page.  
These prices will be available online through Thursday May 21st  
If not pre-ordered then please plan to have Monday's breakfast and lunch off campus.  
Coffee and teas are included in the price and will be served during the day.

**THESE CHOICES ARE ON THE ONLINE REGISTRATION FORM**

Section 3

### **REGISTRATION**

CLICK on the Registration page below

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/uts-graduation-and-the-uts-alumni-conference-memorial-day-weekend-tickets-16911218911>

Section 4.

### **HOSPITALITY**

To reserve rooms and/or dormitory accommodation then please contact Kate Korda, Director of Hospitality at UTS.

Section 5

### **ALUMNI CONFERENCE**

#### **SESSION OUTLINES**

Session 1 (now on Monday afternoon)

What does Principled education look like? – Dr. Robert Beebe

“Education can be described as the process of raising children to attain resemblance to God... In its most fundamental form, education is the guidance that parents give to their children so that the children may fulfill the Three Blessings.” (Unification Theory of Education)

In the 1980s and 1990s various UC-based schools were established to provide BCs with a Principled-based perspective on education. Since then these schools have grown to serve many families in their surrounding communities not otherwise connected to the Unification Church. In the process they have continued to grapple with the question of what Principled education looks like in practice.

This session will explore this question. It will begin some relevant ice-breakers followed by a short PowerPoint providing a background perspective. From there we will break into a general discussion on the topic. A related issue that will be considered is whether it is better for Unificationist educators to work within the existing education system or to continue to develop our own schools as model Principled-based learning environments.

Session 2 (now on Monday afternoon)

Interreligious dialogue and Interfaith peace-building – Abdou Gaye, Essi Zahedi

Gaye and Zahedi will be giving a short summary about the vision of the UC they fell in love with: to bring peace on earth through ideal families and transcending the barriers of race, nationality and creed. The obvious question to follow is "where are we now"? Uniting or divided? Is the Unification of all religions rooted in our doctrine (DP)? If so, does Islam have a presence within the Unification doctrine and practices?

In the mind of Rev. Moon is "Movement" (as in Unification Movement) synonymous with multi-religionism?

Session 3

Gender Balance and DP – Alison Wakelin, Jeanne Carroll and Kathleen Burton

Session 4

The future of UTS and the Barrytown property – Hugh Spurgin

An open discussion with questions and answers. Dr. Spurgin welcomes the opportunity to interact with alumni and friends of UTS.

Session 5

## Save America- Donna Ferrantello

Saving America involves education for the next generation. What do we know about Common Core? Are our children served best as free and creative "clients" in the schools? Or-- Are our children becoming "products" to be manipulated by the state in an increasingly controlled and politically correct/corrupt environment? Come discuss what you know, and your questions. As a key issue for the 2016 Presidential elections, see a short film excerpt of one educator's well-researched analysis of agendas behind Common Core. Discuss grass-roots leadership in our communities and what we can do now. Facilitated by Dr. Donna who also went inside the schools and interviewed teachers, students, administrators and parents.

## Session 6

### Character Education as Leadership and Personal Development- Alan Saunders, Robin Graham

The interactive session will highlight how virtues, character education and interpersonal communication skills can be used in leadership and personal development for youth leaders aged 18 to 30 years of age. We will briefly discuss how the programs can be used by parents, teachers and coaches..

The facilitators will draw on the experience of using their models in the field.

## Session 7

### 1. Governance- Non-profits and faith communities `

The rationale for good governance begins at the individual and organizational level, but has implications for the wider society.

One of the main issues that the Unification Movement speaks to is the global need for good governance e.g. through the Universal Peace Federation

This session will provide a positive, introductory discussion on governance at the non-profit level and the faith community level, looking at models of (good) governance which can help usher in healthier political, social and economic environments at the local level with implication for the national and international levels.

This may include such topics as: regulatory, tax and legal compliance; donor confidence and financial accountability; member confidence, morale and empowerment; preservation and protection of organizational assets; protection against abuse, fraud, waste or other misuse of funds; evaluation of effectiveness and efficiency of programs, campaigns or other efforts; organizational unity, credibility, influence and impact within the larger society; models for peaceful coexistence, harmony, justice and freedom; institutionalization of best practices, learned from the achievements of human civilization and from experience.

A long range vision could be an Institute of Governance Studies, possibly at UTS. An institute which would be able to support the work of affiliated Unificationist organizations, but also governments, corporations etc. seeking to move the world toward better governance,

### 2. Remembering Father; a poetic tribute – Lloyd Howell

Lloyd Howell invites you to join him in an intimate sharing of the love and life of the Founder through the vehicle of his recently published book: Remembering Father; a poetic tribute.

One of the mealtimes

### Upgrade your UTS diploma – Ute Delaney (UTS registrar)

This will be a short informational session about upgrading a diploma to an accredited Master's degree. Topics addressed: Who is eligible for upgrades? What is the process? What to expect? Bring your questions.

**SEE YOU AT BARRYTOWN !**