

# List of Unification Church people

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This page is a list of prominent members and supporters, as well as some former members of the Unification Church, founded and led by Sun Myung Moon.

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## Moon family

The family of Rev. Moon and his wife Hakja Han Moon are known as the "True Family". Rev. and Mrs. Moon are known as "True Father" and "True Mother" within the church, and collectively as the "True Parents." Their children are known as the "True Children."

- Rev. Sun Myung Moon - founder and leader of the Unification Church.<sup>[1]</sup>
- Mrs. Hak Ja Han Moon - founder's wife and officially-designated immediate successor as the leader of the Unification Church. They were married in 1960.<sup>[1]</sup>
- Sung Jin Moon (1946-) Moon's son with his first wife, Sun Kil Choi.
- Heung Jin Moon (1966-1984) second son, died in auto accident, believed by church members to be leading workshops in the spiritual world in which spirits of deceased persons are taught Unification Church teachings.<sup>[2]</sup>
- Hyung Jin Moon - president of international Unification Church,<sup>[3]</sup> studied theology at Harvard University<sup>[4]</sup>
- In Jin Moon second daughter, president of the Unification Church of the United States until August 2012.<sup>[5][6][7]</sup>
- Julia Moon - widow (posthumous wedding) of Heung Jin Moon. Born Hoon Sook Pak, oldest daughter of long time major leader and key aide Bo Hi Pak. Prima ballerina and General Director of Universal Ballet in South Korea.<sup>[8]</sup>
- Kook Jin Moon - fourth son; also known as Justin Moon. Businessman and firearms designer. Owns and operates Kahr Arms, a U.S. small arms manufacturer,<sup>[9]</sup> chairman of Tongil Group, a South Korean business group associated with the Unification Church.<sup>[10][11]</sup>

## Unification Church members

- Ek Nath Dhakal, Nepalese politician.<sup>[12]</sup>
- Mose Durst - president of the Unification Church of the United States in the 1980s, author, educator.<sup>[13]</sup>
- Hyo Won Eu (1914 – July 24, 1970) helped Moon write *Divine Principle*, served as church president
- Daniel Fefferman - executive director of the International Coalition for Religious Freedom.<sup>[14]</sup>

- Nansook Hong - ex-wife of Hyo Jin Moon. Author of book about her experiences, *In the Shadow of the Moons: My Life in the Reverend Sun Myung Moon's Family*.<sup>[15][16]</sup>
- Frank Kaufmann - comparative religion scholar; editor of journal *Dialogue and Alliance*; IRFWP director<sup>[17]</sup>
- Young Oon Kim (1914-1989) was a leading theologian of the Unification Church and its first missionary to the United States.<sup>[18]</sup>
- Chung Hwan Kwak - Unification Church leader; chairman and president of United Press International and of News World Communications, Inc.; leader of many other Unification-affiliated organizations.<sup>[19]</sup>
- Tom McDevitt - President of the *Washington Times*,<sup>[20]</sup> from 2007 to 2009.<sup>[21]</sup> Unification Church spokesperson,<sup>[22]</sup> and pastor of the Unification Church in the Washington DC region.,<sup>[23]</sup>
- Bo Hi Pak - Unification Church leader; founding chairman and president of *The Washington Times*; main translator (during the 70s and 80s) for Rev. Moon's speeches given to English speaking audiences. Author of *Messiah*, a biography of Sun Myung Moon.<sup>[24][25]</sup>
- Junko Sakurada (桜田 淳子) - singer and actress.<sup>[26][27]</sup>
- Neil Albert Salonen - former president of the Unification Church of the United States, now president of the University of Bridgeport.<sup>[28]</sup>
- Lee Shapiro (1949–1987) - Documentary filmmaker, died while filming in Afghanistan in 1987, during the Soviet war in Afghanistan.<sup>[29]</sup>
- Kevin Thompson - pastor of the Bay Area Family Church, a Unification Church congregation located in San Leandro, California.<sup>[30]</sup>
- Jonathan Wells - author of *Icons of Evolution: Science or Myth?* and senior fellow of the Discovery Institute's Center for Science and Culture.<sup>[31]</sup>
- Andrew Wilson - professor at Unification Theological Seminary; editor of *World Scripture: A Comparative Anthology of Sacred Texts*.<sup>[16]</sup>

## Former members

- Michael Breen - British author and journalist
- Richard A. Cohen - advocate of conversion therapy, author of *Gay Children, Straight Parents: A Plan for Family Healing*.<sup>[32]</sup>
- Christopher Edwards - author of *Crazy for God*, which told of his experiences as a church member.<sup>[33]</sup>
- Tim Folzenlogen - contemporary realist painter and philosopher<sup>[34][35]</sup>
- Stephen Gough - British activist, known as "The Naked Rambler."<sup>[36]</sup>
- Steven Hassan - mental health counselor and author of *Combatting Cult Mind Control*, *Releasing the Bonds: Empowering People to Think for Themselves*, and *Freedom of Mind: Helping Loved Ones Leave Controlling People, Cults, and Beliefs*.<sup>[37]</sup>
- Patrick Hickey - Nevada state legislator and author of *Tahoe Boy: A Journey Back Home*, his autobiography which told of his experiences as a church leader and of his marriage to a Korean woman introduced to him by Moon himself.<sup>[38]</sup>
- Josette Sheeran - Vice Chairman of the World Economic Forum, formerly Executive Director of the United Nations World Food Programme and journalist and editor with the *Washington Times*.<sup>[39]</sup>

## Supporters

These are some people well-known for their support of the Unification Church.

- Ralph Abernathy, minister, civil rights leader, served as vice president of the Unification Church-

affiliated group American Freedom Coalition,<sup>[40][41]</sup> and served on two Unification Church boards of directors.<sup>[42]</sup>

- Neil Bush, businessman, son of United States president George H. W. Bush and brother of president George W. Bush, promoted Moon at events in Asia and the United States.<sup>[43][44]</sup>
- Danny K. Davis, United States congressman co-sponsored a 2004 ceremony in which Moon was crowned the "King of Peace."<sup>[45]</sup>
- Louis Farrakhan, the leader of The Nation of Islam, an African American Islamic organization, served as a "co-officiator" at a Blessing ceremony of the Unification Church.<sup>[46]</sup> In 2000 the Unification Church co-sponsored the Million Family March, a rally in Washington D.C to celebrate family unity and racial and religious harmony, along with the Nation of Islam. Farrakhan was the main speaker at the event.<sup>[47]</sup>
- Morton Kaplan, author and University of Chicago professor of political science. Editor of Unification Church owned *The World & I* magazine and organizer of church sponsored conferences.<sup>[48]</sup>
- Douglas MacArthur II, American diplomat. Chairman of the World Media Association and member of the editorial advisory board of the *Washington Times*.<sup>[49]</sup>
- Emmanuel Milingo, now excommunicated Roman Catholic archbishop, married by Moon in 2001 to Unification Church member and supporter of Unification Church projects.<sup>[50][51]</sup>
- Richard L. Rubenstein, author and educator. Appointed by Moon as president of the University of Bridgeport.<sup>[52]</sup>
- Ryoichi Sasakawa, Japanese businessman and philanthropist. Supported Moon's anti-communist work in Asia.<sup>[53][54]</sup>
- Ninian Smart (1927 – 2001), Scottish author and professor at University of Lancaster and University of California at Santa Barbara. President of the American Academy of Religion. Supported the Inter Religious Federation for World Peace, the International Conference on the Unity of the Sciences and other Unification Church affiliated projects.<sup>[55]</sup>
- George Augustus Stallings, Jr., former Roman Catholic priest. Organized Washington D.C. coronation of Moon. Married by Moon.<sup>[45]</sup>
- Peter Tapsell, former Speaker of the New Zealand House of Representatives. In 2006, he sponsored the Unification Church organization Universal Peace Federation in New Zealand and spoke at a rally with Mrs. Moon.<sup>[56]</sup>

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