

Young Oon Kim

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Young Oon Kim (1914–1989) was a leading theologian of the Unification Church and its first missionary to the United States.^[1]

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Born	1914
Died	1989 (aged 74–75)
Religion	Unification Church

Korean name

Hangul	김영운
Revised Romanization	Kim Yeong-un
McCune–Reischauer	Kim Yŏng'un

Career

Kim was a professor of religion at Ewha University in Seoul, South Korea. After she joined the Unification Church, church founder Sun Myung Moon sent her to the United States as a missionary in January 1959.^[2] In the 1960s, while a missionary in Oregon and California, she worked to promote Unification Church theology to mainstream Christian churches. She was also the first person to translate the *Divine Principle*, the basic textbook of Unification Church teaching, from Korean to English.^[3] From 1975 to 1988 she was a Professor of Systematic Theology at the Unification Theological Seminary in Barrytown, New York, and the first Unification Church member on the faculty there.^[4]

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