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## Unification Theological Seminary to Sell 260-Acre Campus

NEW YORK CITY, NY - July 18, 2018 - The [Unification Theological Seminary's \(UTS\)](#) Board of Trustees recently announced in a letter to alumni, many of whom are members of the [Family Federation for World Peace and Unification](#), that after 43 years of operation they have decided to sell the seminary's 260-acre campus in Barrytown, NY.

UTS President Dr. Hugh Spurgin wrote that the seminary is "re-positioning itself as an entrepreneurial, urban seminary with traditional classes at our campus in New York City and online courses for students worldwide." With online education disrupting the higher education industry across the board, UTS is no exception. [This is not the first instance](#) of a well-established seminary having to decide between maintaining a campus property or continuing the institution's core mission to educate.

The Holy Spirit Association for the Unification of World Christianity (Unification Church) purchased the former St. Joseph's Normal Institute from the Christian Brothers in two parts; first part was completed in 1974 and the second part was completed 1976. It was transferred to UTS in 1987. It became the sole graduate theological seminary of the Unification Church founded by the late Reverend Sun Myung Moon, UTS was chartered by the New York State Board of Regents in 1990. It obtained regional accreditation in 1996. The seminary has awarded religious education diplomas, master's degrees, and doctor of ministry degrees to nearly 2,000 graduates.

In 2000, UTS opened an additional location in midtown Manhattan and some years later moved the bulk of its educational programs there. Since then, the Barrytown campus, located approximately 100 miles north of New York City, has housed seminary offices, provided a venue for the UTS doctoral program and graduations, and hosted conferences. In his announcement, Dr. Spurgin said that providing students with rooms, meals, and classes in a brick-and-mortar facility is an unsustainable educational mode and that the "sale of the Barrytown campus will provide the funds that will drive that next phase of our development as a leading graduate school in Unification studies."

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Robin Graham, director of advancement and enrollment management for UTS, commented: “Alumni and members of the Unification Church will certainly mourn the loss of such a beautiful property that holds a special place in their heart, but the future of UTS is to be where the students are, rather than expecting them to come to us. More than 70 percent of the 2017 graduating class come from outside of the Unificationist faith. It makes sense to invest in digital and urban locations to educate the broadest range of next-generation faith leaders, just as our founders had envisioned.”

Currently the 260-acre property includes the 125,000-square-foot main building as well as Massena House (the original estate house), a stone gatehouse, three residential buildings, two barns, a 70,000-gallon water tower, a sewage treatment plant, a five-acre pond, and extensive hiking trails. It is located along the Hudson River waterfront and borders Tivoli Bay with views of the river and Catskill Mountains. Marcus & Millichap, a New York City commercial brokerage firm, is handling the sale.

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*“To guide America back to God through the teachings and Marriage Blessing of True Parents.”*

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