

To The Executive committee of the Southern Baptist Convention

RE : Entreaty on the Activities of the Unification Church
in the United States of America

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

We offer our condolences to the casualties and their families caused by the recent catastrophic disasters of the terrorists' attacks, and we pay our deepest respects to the victim citizens and business, public and other organizations making utmost efforts to restore to the former conditions. To say nothing of the peaceful solution of the outrages, we devoutly pray that they may restore their peaceful and normal life.

We write this letter to entreat you to think seriously upon the activities of the Unification Church in the United States of America. As you know, the Holy Spirit Association for the Unification of the World Christianity (hereafter referred to as the Unification Church) was organized by Sun Myung Moon. Though he explains that the Unification Church is based on the Bible, the fact is that this association is based on Divine Principle, the collection of Moon's beliefs, which does not bear the slightest resemblance to the doctrine of the Bible. Here we cite a couple of examples of their wrong principles.

- The Salvation by the death of Jesus Christ on the Cross turned out to be a failure.
- Sun Myung Moon is the real Messiah.
- Korean language will unify the world.

It is virtually impossible to mention how far this association try to pervert the Christian doctrine.

The Unification Church has been making bad use of brain-washing in order to preach down their principles. By means of their emotionally manipulative sales technique, they have been selling Japanese people certain items at an incredibly high price on some pretext or other such as getting rid of evil spirits, striking terror into their heart with groundless stories of spiritual world. This technique of theirs constituted one of the major social problems and the Supreme Court of Japan has given a decision that their way of selling expensive items is illegal. It is absolutely certain that they have been utilizing their abundant funds that were raised in Japan by means of such wicked way when they hold the lectures by Sun Myung Moon, the founder of this association in every state in the United States, the campaign for the education in sexual morality, and various kinds of banquets. In France the Unification Church was concluded as a subversive cult and their activities are prohibited there.

Japanese Christian churches including the churches of Japan Baptist Convention and the pastors have been greatly apprehensive of the Unification Church since they started their activities in Japan and we have been giving counsels to the families of the victims of the Unification Church for thirty years collaborating with lawyers, men of religion, psychiatrists, and journalists. However, they cunningly change their vicious

techniques of cheating people from day to day, and the number of the sufferers and of those asking for advices has never been decreased, but new sufferers have been increasing; seriously tragic situations such as family collapses and personal character destructions have been repeated day by day.

Such being the case in Japan, we have been exceedingly shocked recently, having received the information that the Unification Church has been publicly acknowledged by American Christian churches and this information is being utilized as their propaganda to get more and more believers. What we are most concerned about is that some pastors belonging to the Southern Baptist Convention delivered speeches in the banquets held by the Unification Church, paying tributes of praise to Sun Myung Moon and declaring openly that they acknowledge the authenticity of his doctrines and basing their arguments on this information, the Unification Church in Japan is giving out that the Christian churches in the United States have realized the authenticity of the doctrines of the Unification Church and all the Christian churches in the United States have been enlisted under the banner of the Unification Church. This way of utilizing the favorable information is also one of their typical and well-worn devices in Japan to control their believers by means of thorough data processing. We will not believe such an information is true, but it is true that the information of the American Baptist pastors' fellowship with the Unification Church is utilized as an effective device to support their activities of gaining in influence and of raising their funds.

They occasionally make plans of various programs such as the conferences of men of religion and the congresses of the journalists, disguising themselves using their big funds. It is not easy to look through which are the programs sponsored by the Unification Church. We entreat you, however, to understand that the Unification Church is illegal and antisocial in Japan and to deal with the Unification Church with adequate care and caution.

As the above-mentioned matters are based on the hearing of the believers, data published by the Unification Church, and other information gained from the Unification Church watchers sent by transmitting messages from America by electric mail, we beg you to forgive us for our incivilities if there are any erroneous assumptions. We eagerly desire that the informations that we get will never be true and we do not hope that any person concerned and any pastor of the Southern Baptist Convention will be utilized from malice. We entreat you to cope with this matter adequately as soon as possible.

We pray that the grace and blessing of God Our Father may be on the missionary work of the Southern Baptist Convention.

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