

Foundation Day FAQ

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Foundation Day Blessing Ceremony

What is the Foundation Day Blessing Ceremony?

The Foundation Day Blessing Ceremony represents the culmination and offering of True Father's entire life course, and the completion stage of True Parents' Holy Blessed union in the image and likeness of our Heavenly Parent. Therefore it is God's own substantial wedding ceremony. It is also the ceremony through which True Parents want to renew all Blessed members and families as the direct descendants of the original lineage. It is a ceremony for all Blessed members and families, and all participants should take part in the Foundation Day Holy Wine Ceremony prior to Foundation Day.

Who can participate in the Foundation Day Blessing Ceremony?

Blessed Unification Church couples of all generations and their families, including those who participated in the Cosmic Blessing Ceremony on February 17.

Unification Church members of all generations who were Blessed previously, but who are widowed or whose Blessing has been broken.

Ambassadors for Peace, clergy and others who have received the Blessing Ceremony as a previously-married couple and have completed the indemnity stick ceremony, 40-day separation period and three-day ceremony.

Single first-generation Unification Church members who have never been Blessed are not to be participants in the Foundation Day Blessing Ceremony, but should join the Holy Wine Ceremony and may attend the Foundation Day event as observers.

Other non-Unification contacts cannot participate in the Foundation Day Blessing Ceremony, but may attend the event as observers.

All participants in the Foundation Day Blessing should have participated in the Holy Wine Ceremony prior to Foundation Day.

When and where can I participate in the Foundation Day Blessing Ceremony?

Blessed couples and families are invited by True Mother to participate in the main ceremony in Korea on Friday, February 22 (Korea time). Those who cannot participate in Korea should join an official ceremony organized in each District on Thursday evening, February 21 with a simultaneous Internet webcast of the main ceremony. Local pastors should be contacted for the local schedule.

How do I/we register and prepare for the Foundation Day Blessing Ceremony?

Study all of the information in this website and complete the registration form at <http://foundationday.unification.org/registration/>.

What is the dress code for the Foundation Day Blessing Ceremony?

The dress code for women is a white or light-colored dress and light-colored shoes. A wedding gown can also be worn. The dress code for men is a dark-colored suit, white shirt, red tie and dark-colored shoes. Holy robes are not recommended.

What about my family members who want to participate in the Foundation Day Blessing Ceremony, but cannot?

Blessed Family members who wish to participate but are unable to for any reason can be represented by those members of their immediate family who do attend. All Blessed families who can, should share this meaningful blessing together.

What about spouses or Blessed Children who want to participate in the Foundation day Blessing ceremony but live or go to school in another part of the country or overseas?

Spouses or single Blessed Children living separately from their parents or family may be able to participate in the Foundation Day Ceremony nearest where they live, work or go to school. They should be included in their family's registration process.

What about my family members who don't want to participate in the Foundation Day Blessing Ceremony?

True Parents are inviting all Blessed members to participate and receive total grace and renewal based upon Father's life and foundation. This is a comprehensive, total grace for all mistakes, failures and sins of omission and commission. Participation should include the intention to live in accordance with True Parents' teaching in the future. There should not be any judgment or rejection of any person based on their past mistakes. Their past mistakes, whether they participate in the Foundation Day Blessing Ceremony or not.

What if I am struggling in my Blessing? Should I participate?

Blessed couples who are having difficulties in their marriage, but maintain their commitment to the Blessing ideal and to each other, should attend as a family and seek the grace, renewal and spiritual support that they can inherit. Couples that have broken their Blessing previously should also attend as an individual son or daughter of True Parents, maintaining their determination to follow the path of the Principle.

Should Non-Unificationist Ambassadors for Peace, clergy, and contacts participate in the Foundation Day Blessing?

Any non-Unificationists who have been Blessed and completed (or are completing) all five steps of the process to change their lineage (Holy Wine, Blessing, Chastening Ceremony, 40-day Separation and 3-Day Ceremony) should attend.

Other non-Unificationist guests can be invited to attend as observers rather than participants.

Can couples who are newly Blessed in the Cosmic Blessing Ceremony also participate in the Foundation Day Ceremony?

Yes, they should attend. In addition to their registration for the Cosmic Blessing, they should register for the Foundation Day Blessing as a couple and participate in the Holy Wine Ceremony prior to the Cosmic Blessing if possible.

Cosmic Blessing Ceremony

What is the Cosmic Blessing Ceremony?

Prior to the Foundation Day Blessing Ceremony on February 22, which is a renewal ceremony for all Blessed Families, True Parents will officiate a Cosmic Blessing Ceremony for couples being Blessed to each other for the first time. This ceremony will take place at the Cheongshim Peace World Center at Chung Pyung, Korea on Sunday, February 17, and simultaneously via Internet in the United States (Saturday evening, February 16 USA time). There will be a National Cosmic Blessing Ceremony in New Jersey, near New York City, and ceremonies held in each district.

In conjunction with the Cosmic Blessing Ceremony in Korea, True Mother will oversee a Cheon Il Guk Matching Ceremony in Korea for Blessed Children aged 17-30 who meet the qualifications of the "Cheon Il Guk Standard." Education for matching candidates will take place from February 12-14 at Cheonga Camp in. The matching will be held at Cheon Jeong Goong, the Original Palace, during this period, and matched couples will participate in the Cosmic Blessing Ceremony on February 17. More details are available at <http://foundationday.unification.org/cosmic-blessing-ceremony/>.

Who can participate in the Cosmic Blessing Ceremony?

First and second-generation matched couples

Candidates matched during the February 12-14 Cheon Il Guk Standard Matching program.

Previously-married Unificationist couples, including those with one partner in the Spiritual World

Previously-married non-Unificationist couples (Ambassadors for Peace, clergy, family members, friends, tribal messiah contacts, etc.)

When and where can I participate in the Cosmic Blessing Ceremony?

Couples can join the main ceremony in Korea on February 17(Korea time)

Couples can join the National Ceremony in Cedar Grove, NJ, 30 minutes from New York City, with education, entertainment, a lovely dinner and celebration on Saturday evening, February 16(USA time). Registration is at http://fs6.formsite.com/hsauwc/feb16_usa_cosmicblessing/.

Couples can participate in a district-sponsored ceremony February 16 (USA time) near where they live. District offices should be contacted for the time and location of their local ceremonies.

How do I/we apply to participate in the Cosmic Blessing Ceremony?

There are two important processes to complete.

One is the process of qualification for the Blessing itself.

The other is the process of registering for the Blessing Ceremony event.

Both can be achieved through instruction at <http://foundationday.unification.org/cosmic-blessing-ceremony/>.

What is the dress code for the Cosmic Blessing Ceremony?

The dress code for women is a white or light-colored dress and light-colored shoes. A wedding gown can also be worn. The dress code for men is a dark-colored suit, dark shoes and red tie.

How can I attend the National USA Blessing Ceremony in the New York City area?

Event and registration information can be found at http://fs6.formsite.com/hsauwc/feb16_usa_cosmicblessing/. All participating couples are welcome to join the pre-Blessing banquet. Couples who have offered their full Blessing fees will also be able to receive a number of complimentary banquet tickets for their family and guests. Tickets can be reserved through the registration process. Others can attend by purchasing tickets online.

What if I am attending the Cosmic Blessing Ceremony in Korea?

In addition to registering for the event through the COSMIC BLESSING page of this website, information about travel plans to Korea is required through completing the KOREA TRAVEL form at <http://foundationday.unification.org/travel-plan-for-participation-in-foundation-day-february-22-2013/>.

Can our couple participate in the Cosmic Blessing Ceremony in separate locations?

It is of course best to participate together, but if that is not possible, a couple can participate in the Cosmic Blessing Ceremony simultaneously in different locations. Each candidate should have an 8" x 10" photo of their match or spouse.

Should clergy, contacts or Ambassadors for Peace participate in the Cosmic Blessing Ceremony?

Absolutely. Previously-married Non-Unificationist couples should be invited to receive the incredible grace of the Blessing, and join the extended family of True Parents. They need to register for their participation at <http://foundationday.unification.org/cosmic-blessing-ceremony/>.

Other guests can also be invited to attend as observers (non-participants) of the ceremony.