



**FFWPU-USA**  
*Family Federation for World Peace and Unification*

## **Date of Next Cosmic Blessing Ceremony Officiated by True Parents**

Michael Balcomb and Crescentia DeGoede  
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Dear Blessed Families,

We just received an official memo from FFWPU International Headquarters [below] announcing that True Mother has decided that the "2017 Cosmic Blessing Ceremony Officiated by the True Parents of Heaven, Earth and Humankind" will be held at the time of the 5th Anniversary of the Universal Seonghwa of True Father in early September 2017 at the Cheongshim Peace World Center in Korea. As such, a Cosmic Blessing Ceremony Officiated by True Parents will not be held at Foundation Day 2017 in February.

As we understand it, True Mother felt that holding the Blessing Ceremony at the time of the Anniversary of True Father's Seonghwa would allow for a more joyful celebration of the couples receiving the Blessing. She will be able to give more attention to the participating couples, and provide them with a fuller experience. The couples will be the focus of the celebration.

Based on this new information, all matched couples that have been preparing to attend the next Cosmic Blessing Ceremony Officiated by True Parents are encouraged to begin making preparations to attend the Cosmic Blessing Ceremony at the time of the 5th Anniversary of the Universal Seonghwa of True Father. A very special program for the couples that participate in Korea, including celebratory activities and sightseeing, will be offered at that time. The ceremony in Korea will also be broadcast to locations nationwide, and communities are encouraged to prepare beautiful and memorable Blessing celebrations for participating couples.

This announcement of the date of the next Blessing Ceremony will likely come as a shock to many matched couples and their family members that were anticipating a Blessing Ceremony would be held at Foundation Day, as it has the last several years, and have been preparing for it. Many may wonder if it is possible to attend a local Blessing Ceremony that would take place before the Cosmic Blessing Ceremony. True Mother's hope and expectation is that all matched couples will participate in the Cosmic Blessing Ceremony. We understand the difficulty this may cause, and are ready to support however we can. As such, please don't hesitate to contact us with any questions or concerns. You can reach us by email at: [bfmadmin@unification.org](mailto:bfmadmin@unification.org) or phone at: (212) 997-0055.

To keep the momentum going for the Marriage Blessing Movement in America, communities that would like to hold a Blessing Ceremony for married couples are encouraged to do so at anytime. To host a Blessing Ceremony, please submit a host form, and you will receive resources and support.

Sincerely,

God Bless You,

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**To : Special Emissaries, Regional Presidents, Cheon Il Guk Special Envoys, National Leaders**  
**Cc : National Messiahs, Heads of Regional Blessed Family Departments**  
**From : FFWPU International Headquarters**  
**Date : 8.9 by the heavenly calendar in the 4th year of Cheon Il Guk (Sept. 9, 2016)**  
**Re. : Rescheduling of the “2017 Cosmic Blessing Ceremony Officiated by the True Parents of Heaven, Earth and Humankind”**

May our Heavenly Parent and True Parents’ blessings and love be with all regions and leaders in the mission fields.

This is to announce that, according to True Parents’ instructions, the date of the “2017 Cosmic Blessing Ceremony Officiated by the True Parents of Heaven, Earth and Humankind” has been changed. It will be held at the time of the 5<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Universal Seonghwa of Sun Myung Moon, the True Parent of Heaven, Earth and Humankind. Please refer to the information below and inform all concerned parties.

1. Brief information about the “2017 Cosmic Blessing Ceremony Officiated by the True Parents of Heaven, Earth and Humankind”
  - A. **Title (tentative):** 2017 Cosmic Blessing Ceremony Officiated by the True Parents of Heaven, Earth and Humankind
  - B. **Date:** At the time of the 5<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Universal Seonghwa of Sun Myung Moon, the True Parent of Heaven, Earth and Humankind (early September 2017).
  - C. **Venue:** Cheongshim Peace World Center, Korea
  - D. **Participants:** First generation singles; matched blessed children awaiting the Blessing; already-married couples awaiting the Blessing
2. **Administrative matters**

Additional memo with more specific details will be sent at a later date.

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