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New Matching Advisors Training November 18, 2011 in Barrytown, NY

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MEMO: BFD 2011-10-27

To: District Directors, State & Church Leaders, all Blessed Families
From: National Blessed Family Ministry
Re: ANNOUNCEMENT: INTRODUCTORY TRAINING FOR MATCHING ADVISORS
Friday, November 18, 2011, UTS Conference Center, Barrytown, New York
Date: October 27, 2011

*Wonderful Opportunity to Support Blessed Families and Unification Members-
Get Trained as a Matching Advisor! November 18, 2011 in Barrytown, NY*

We would like to recommend a wonderful way to serve and support our community and ensure the future of True Parents' tradition of Blessed marriage, for those who feel called. To help parents and their children establish a healthy matching process, and assist First Generation Unificationists in finding a clear path to the matching and Blessing, new guidelines inspired by International President Rev. Hyung Jin Moon have been developed. With the guidance of our President and Senior Pastor, Rev. In Jin Moon, a new system of comprehensive Blessing education, Parents' Matching Convocations, websites and handbooks has been developed to convey these principles and support a renewed matching process. An essential component of this system is a group of trained and experienced Matching Advisors (MAs) to assist 1st and 2nd Generation candidates and their families and supporters.

A one-day training and certification for prospective matching advisors will be held Friday, November 18, 2011, from 9:00 AM to 5:30 PM at the UTS Conference Center in Barrytown, NY, in conjunction with the Parents' Matching Convocation that begins that evening. The training will be conducted by Rev. Phillip Schanker, director of the Blessed Family Ministry in the USA, and Mrs. Marjorie Buessing, BFM Representative for New England and Senior Matching Advisor. The training is free for qualified participants. Lunch and snacks are included.

Interested First or Second Generation Blessed members should Email matching@unification.org with your contact phone and Email information, to receive a short qualifying questionnaire, or to answer any questions you may have. The ideal MA should feel called to this ministry, and be trustworthy, faithful, a good listener and patient communicator. They should be happily Blessed in marriage themselves, and be able to schedule a few hours of availability on a regular basis. Advisors will be trained to help candidates and parents develop a clear plan for the matching process, assist them in finding potential candidates, and support them through the process as needed. The BFD will provide the handbook, interview forms and support materials, and will train and certify matching advisors, according to the international guidelines.

Church leaders and pastors are not automatically qualified as MAs based upon their position alone. Each advisor should be trained, become familiar with the guidelines and process, and be certified by the National Blessed Family Ministry. They will work in cooperation with a network of advisors, utilizing Parents Matching Convocations, an international matching website, the "Matchbook" website and the new Online Matching System (OMS) for First Generation, in support of candidates and families.

Advisors work according to their own schedule and availability, and should freely develop their “gift” for this ministry. But they should work according to the international guidelines, and connect to their local or district Blessed Family Ministry. MAs do not make “absolute matches,” but support parents and candidates in the process. Advisors may choose to specialize in one or more of these categories:

ALL Blessed Children
Blessed children 24 years and older
First Generation Unificationists
First Generation 40 years and older
Jacob Generation Candidates
Associate Members
Treasures of Heaven [Special Needs Candid.]
Getting Back on Track
International Matchings
All of the above

We look forward to working with those who are called to support candidates and their parents in the matching and Blessing process. Thank you in advance for your investment and support. May God be with you and your family.

Sincerely,



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