



Announcing National USA Ceremony For The Cosmic Blessing Of New And Previously-Married Couples

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Dear District and Local Pastors, Community Leaders, Blessed Families and All Members,

We are excited to announce that a National USA Ceremony for the February 17 Cosmic Blessing of True Parents will be held in the New York area. The Cosmic Blessing is for matched and previously-married couples participating in the Blessing for the first time, and is different than the Foundation Day Blessing ceremony on February 22, which is intended for all Blessed Central Families worldwide.

Couples planning to join the Cosmic Blessing now have three choices for where to participate:

The Main Ceremony in Korea for those who wish to join with True Parents, our International President and thousands of others from around the world. The main ceremony will be held at the Cheongshim Peace World Center in Chung Pyung on Sunday, February 17, 2013.

Locally in each District via Internet for those who, because of work, school, family or finances would prefer to be Blessed closer to home. All American events will take place Saturday night, February 16, simultaneously with the ceremony in Korea. Check with your District to learn the plan for your area.

National USA Ceremony in the New York City area for those who want to experience a memorable national celebration with uplifting education, a multi-course dinner, and entertainment after the ceremony.

We encourage each District to organize a wonderful Blessing program for your new couples, and our National BFM can provide ideas and support for you to produce these. We also welcome those participants and families who wish to join other couples at the national event. Some important things you should know:

- The program will be held in Northern New Jersey, approximately 30 minutes from Manhattan, 30 minutes from Newark Airport and 45 minutes from La Guardia Airport.
- The program will begin with optional education around 3:00 PM, followed by a Holy Wine Ceremony for new couples, a Celebration Banquet in the early evening, the Blessing Ceremony, and dancing and entertainment afterward.
- Each participating couple who paid their Blessing fees will receive a number of complimentary tickets to the banquet. Additional tickets will be available for purchase.
- Professional photographers will be on hand before and after the ceremony for couple and family commemorative photographs
- There will be ample time after the banquet for brides and grooms to dress and prepare for the ceremony, with changing rooms provided.

Program details and registration for the event will be available early next week.

May God abundantly bless you and your family,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael Balcomb".

Dr. Michael Balcomb
Executive Vice President

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Phillip Schanker".

Rev. Phillip Schanker
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