



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

**Parents' Matching Convocation on May 31-June 2, 2013 in Oakland, California**

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REGISTER NOW AND SAVE \$50, PLUS RECEIVE THE "FAMILY MATCHING HANDBOOK" 2ND EDITION!

Dear District Pastors, Community Leaders and Blessed Families;

This memo is a reminder that the early bird registration for the 2013 West Coast Parents Matching Convocation (PMC) ends May 10! Be sure to take advantage of this important education and networking opportunity for parents planning to support their children's matching process. The PMC will be held at the Hilton Garden Inn in Emeryville, CA (near Oakland) on May 31 to June 2, 2013. All the necessary registration and schedule information is attached to this memo. Matching candidates 24 years or older are welcome to attend, in order to learn more about the matching process and take a more active role. A separate program for these young adults includes innovative educational materials, special breakout sessions, and personal meetings with Matching Advisors.

The PMC provides a valuable opportunity for parents to understand the matching process, learn from those who have matched their children successfully and network with other parents to discover potential matching candidates. The PMC is not a place to finalize matches but to connect with other families, consider candidates and develop a Family Matching Plan, to be finalized with your candidate's input and priorities. We recommend that parents attend a PMC before beginning the matching process with their children. Parents whose children are at least 16 should participate in a PMC simply to learn and prepare.

Participants in this PMC will receive the newly-published, updated Family Matching Handbook. They will learn about the matching websites, the international matching process and other resources to support them in matching their children. They can meet Matching Advisors who are prepared to assist and support them.

The PMC registration process and submission of candidate profiles and photos is entirely online through "Matchbook," the online matching site at [blessedfamilies.org](http://blessedfamilies.org). Candidates and their families need only apply once, and can then indicate where and to what extent their profile and photo information can be accessed by others, from total privacy, by permission only, through advocates or advisers, at the PMCs, etc.

To register for the PMC, visit [blessedfamilies.org](http://blessedfamilies.org), and click on the pink PMC registration banner on the right side, above the Matchbook logo. Or visit the members' area at [familyfed.org/members](http://familyfed.org/members) and click on the PMC banner near the top. See the attached PMC information sheet for fees, accommodations, how to prepare or update candidate profiles, and all convocation details.

If you have any remaining questions, write us at [BFDadmin@unification.org](mailto:BFDadmin@unification.org). We look forward to seeing parents at this PMC and to supporting candidates in the process of matching and Blessing.

May God be with you and your family.

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