

FFWPU USA: 2004 Second Generation Blessing Couple's 18th Anniversary

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Happy anniversary to all the couples who participated in the "Special Marriage Blessing of the Second Generation" on Dec. 26, 2004! True Parents officiated the ceremony at East Garden in New York, with a matching engagement of 132 couples held a few days beforehand on Dec. 22.

True Parents educated young Unificationists about the special Marriage Blessing before they matched unions including 73 American couples, 34 Korean-Japanese couples, six Korean-American couples, four Japanese-American couples, two Japanese couples. Candidates from Korea who could not attend the ceremony in person participated via live webcast on Dec. 27.

After the blessing ceremony, True Parents recommended a 50-day separation between the new couples until Feb. 14, 2005. During this time, True Father said this period was a starting point for recovering 100 years of history and creating the philosophy for a new era after the coming of heaven.

"The fact that we could hold the ceremony means that a realm of unity had been created at the highest levels of the spirit world," said True Father. "From now on, heaven can simply ignore the authorities that control religions and nations in the fallen world. Heaven will dismantle them in the end. Religions will not be necessary; nor will nations be necessary. Eventually religions and nations will be dismantled, the lineage of all humankind will be changed into God's, and the entire world will be transformed into one nation having the form of one global family. This is what we must do to build the world of heart on earth."

Congratulations to all the couples worldwide celebrating their blessing anniversary!