

FFWPU USA Blessing and Family Ministry: Carina Méndez' Korea Pilgrimage Testimony

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Hello family. Testimony from Carina Méndez. New *MatchNet Podcast* episode. New *A Deeper Connection* episode. HJ Cosmic Blessing. Matching education programs. 24-hr High Noon Summit. Connecting to our worth. Local Sunday Service livestreams.

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Korea Pilgrimage Testimony from Carina Méndez



“Life changing experiences are worth more than any of our plans.”

Carina shares her personal testimony about her relationship with True Mother and invites young adults to join the upcoming Blue Dragon Pilgrimage.

The Blessing Ministry will sponsor any April 2024 Single Blessing participant going to Korea to participate in the Pilgrimage for no extra cost. If you are a Blessing participant and are interested in joining the Pilgrimage, please contact bfmadmin@unifcation.org.

[watch testimony](#)

[pilgrimage information](#)

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Why Your Bad Habits Keep Winning



In this episode, Benjy talks about the battles we fight every day that keep us stuck in habits and behaviors that we don't want and shares two things you can do right away to tackle those bad habits.

MatchNet Podcast is also available on your favorite Podcast players: Spotify, Apple Podcasts, Google Podcasts, Stitcher.

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A Deeper Connection with Shota Iwasaki



In this episode, Myrna and Crescentia talk with Shota Iwasaki to discuss intergenerational trauma, forgiveness, and his personal experiences healing and growing as a father of seven.

A Deeper Connection is a podcast empowering healing, strengthening, and enriching the parent child relationship through all phases of life. This podcast is a collaboration with relationship coaches Myrna Lapres and Crescentia DeGoede and The Blessing & Family Ministry of Family Fed USA.

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HJ Cosmic Blessing 2024

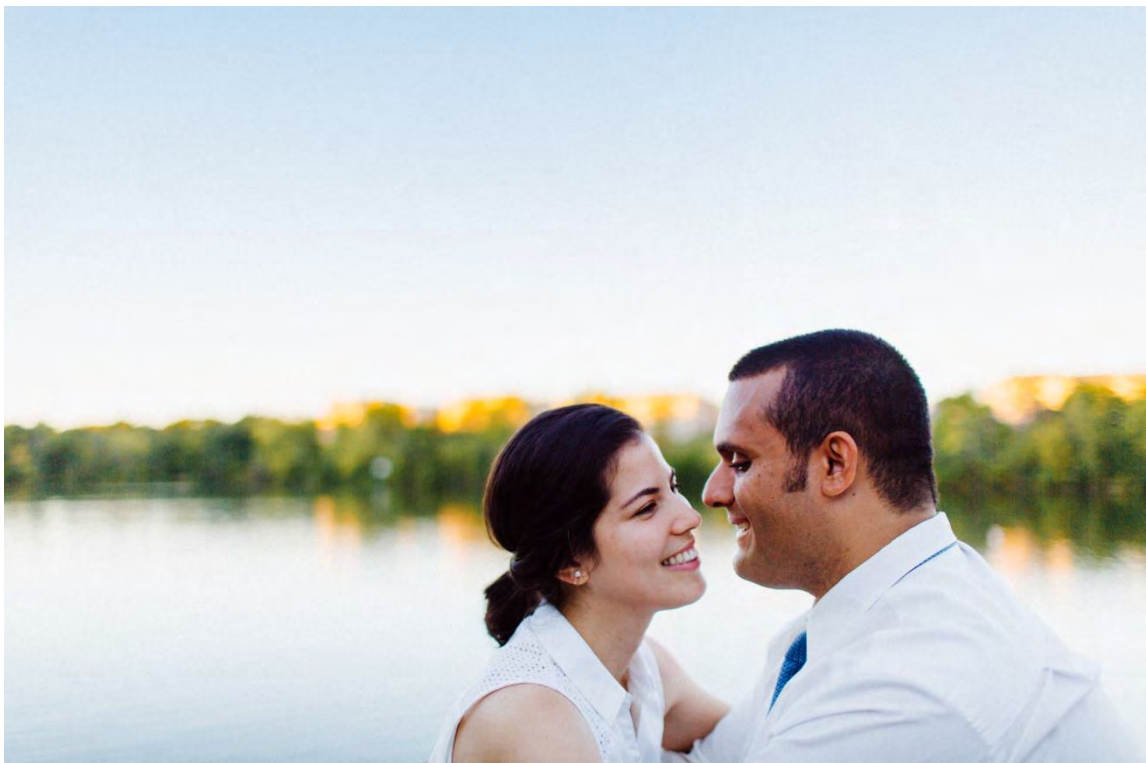


The HJ Cosmic Blessing Festival will be held on April 24th in Korea! There will also be a pilgrimage and workshop for young Americans alongside this Blessing!

This is an amazing opportunity to receive the Blessing directly from our beloved Mother of Peace, True Mother, and to come closer to her heart. If you're a matched couple interested in attending this Blessing, pre-register at the link below.

[pre-register here](#)

Upcoming Matching Education Programs



There are three virtual events happening in March and May related to the matching and Blessing. Zoom links will be sent to those who register.

March 16 Family Matching Education support webinar @ 11 AM – 5 PM EST

Parents and Singles Matching Education all day virtual program (register here); MS, parents, BC, First Gen singles welcome

March 17 Matching Supporter Training @ 3 PM – 7 PM EST (tentative)

Please attend the Family Matching Education on Saturday as well

May 4 Blessing Education for new First Generation Members @ 9 AM – 3 PM EST

This Blessing education program will introduce the matching process and the Marriage Blessing for single members who are joining our movement to help them understand the path to the Blessing--why the Blessing is important, why it is different from marriage, how it will change their lineage etc. They should have a basic understanding of the DP. Spiritual parents, Pastors, matching supporters and interested members are all welcome and encouraged to attend.

For questions please email John Abelseth at john.abelseth@gmail.com or Myrna Lapres at mlapresmatchingadvisor@gmail.com.

[march 16 registration](#)

[march 17 registration](#)

[may 4 registration](#)

what's new?

24-Hour High Noon Summit



Join High Noon in celebrating it's 9th anniversary with a 24-hour podcast livestream! Topics include: God and sexuality, porn addiction in our faith community, sex-less marriages, and more.

The discussion begins on **April 6 at 10:00 AM (EST)** and will stream for 24 hours straight. Tune into a topic that you find interesting, or stay for the entire event!

Sign up for the livestream via the link below. We will send you the link to watch live, as well as updates about the schedule, speakers, and topics.

[register here](#)

food for thought

Connecting With Our Intrinsic Worth



with Myrna Lapres

In her book, *Radical Acceptance*, Tara Brach, Ph.D. states D. H. Lawrence described our Western culture as being like a great uprooted tree with its roots in the air. “We are perishing for lack of fulfillment of our greater needs,” he wrote, “we are cut off from the great sources of our inward nourishment and renewal.” We come alive as we rediscover the truth of our goodness and our natural connectedness to all of life. Our “greater needs” are met in relating lovingly with each other, relating with full presence to each moment, relating to the beauty and pain that is within and around us.

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Local Sunday Service Livestreams



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Let's go to meet True Mother!

Welcome to the Young Adults Blue Dragon Pilgrimage!

We are excited to have you coming to Korea with us!

What is this pilgrimage all about?

- This pilgrimage is designed and created so that we as the American brothers and sisters can become closer in heart with our beloved True Mother.
- To spend quality time in Korea to understand her better and to grasp onto her spirit with the movement.
- To show True Mother we are here working together with her and take responsibility.
- To discover more deeply our identity and the essence of True Parents and Heavenly Parent

What will the pilgrimage consist of?

- We will be spending time in the beautiful Cheong Pyeong, while also going to see meaningful historical sights around Korea, and watching the Blessing ceremony on April 24th
- We hope to create a memorable experience with all of you, a time that you will never forget.

Dates: April 18th to 27th (arrive in Korea on the 18th which means leaving the US on the 17th, depart on the 27th; there will be buses to bring you to Cheong Pyeong on the 18th and to the airport on the 27th. More details will be sent right before traveling to Korea. Bus pick ups will be from Incheon Airport)

Who: Young Adults ages 18-40

Fee for the Pilgrimage in Korea: \$500

More details will be sent about transportation, packing list, schedule etc. to those registered as we get closer to the date.

Any questions please contact your regions Next Gen Coordinator:

- North East Region: Yasutaka Ozawa --> yozawa95@gmail.com
- South East Region: Diane Hack --> dhack@unification.org
- Mid West Region: Riki Menning --> riki.sanju.menning@gmail.com
- South Region: Jinil Fleischman --> jinil@carplife.org
- West Region: Gabriela Horibe von Euw --> gvoneuw@unification.org

See you soon!

Your Information

Name*	<input type="text" value="First Name"/> <input type="text" value="Last Name"/>
Email*	<input type="text" value="Email Address"/>
Date of Birth*	<input type="text" value="Month"/> <input type="text" value="Day"/> <input type="text" value="Year"/>
Gender*	<input type="radio"/> Male <input type="radio"/> Female
Jacket Adult Size*	<input type="text" value="(Choose One)"/>
Which community are you from?*	<input type="text" value="(Choose One)"/>
City*	<input type="text"/>
State/Province*	<input type="text" value="(Choose One)"/>

Additional Information

I have a current passport *

(Choose One)



Emergency Contact Name *

First



Last

Relationship to Emergency Contact *

Emergency Contact Telephone *



Emergency Contact Email *

Email Address



Medical Issues

Flight Info

Airport (Incheon Airport is best)

Arrival Date

mm/dd/yyyy



Arrival Time

Arrival Airline & Flight Number

Departure Date

mm/dd/yyyy



Departure Time

Departure Airline & Flight Number

Agreement and Waiver

Agreement *

1. I commit to fully participate in the Pilgrimage, to follow the Pilgrimage schedule, and to stay with the Pilgrimage group the entire time
2. I agree to respect the staff any to communicate and issues I have with them
3. I understand that Family Federation has a zero tolerance policy for alcohol or substance use and for inappropriate romantic or sexual interactions and I will refrain from using substances or alcohol and from inappropriate romantic or sexual interactions with my brothers and sisters

I have read and agree to the terms above.

Liability Release Form *

I hereby acknowledge and agree to the following terms and conditions as a prerequisite for participating in the Blue Dragon Pilgrimage organized by the Family Federation for World Peace and Unification, hereinafter referred to as the "Trip Organizer." This Liability Release Form is intended to release the Trip Organizer and its representatives from any liability arising from personal injury, property damage, or any other loss or claim that may occur during the trip. 1. Assumption of Risks: I acknowledge that participating in the Blue Dragon Pilgrimage involves certain risks, including but not limited to accidents, injury, illness, loss, theft, delays, and other unforeseen events. I understand and voluntarily accept these risks associated with international travel. 2. Health and Medical Considerations: I hereby certify that I am physically and mentally fit to participate in this overseas trip. I understand that it is my responsibility to obtain any necessary vaccinations, medications, or

I have read and agree to the terms above.

Registration

Registration*

Blue Dragon 2024 Pilgrimage (\$500.00)

Specific Code

APPLY

Total

\$500.00

Billing Information

Name*

Credit Card*



Address*

Email*

Confirm Email*

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Virtual Family Matching Education (FME)



Date: March 16, 2024

Start time: 11 AM Eastern, 10 Central, 9 Mountain, 8 Pacific time

Fee: donation to your local FFWPU

Program will be only on ZOOM:

- A recording will be available
- As breaks will be short please prepare lunch, snacks etc ahead of time
- Please bring a computer AND your cell phone. A computer will be helpful to access websites; a cell phone will be used for asking questions.

 Not shared 

* Indicates required question

Last Name/ Nom de famille *

Your answer

First Name/ Prénom *

Your answer

Email address/ Courriel *

Your answer

Phone number/ Numéro de téléphone *

Your answer

What is your hope or goal in attending the Matching Education?

Your answer

If you have single children, what are their ages? Please select all that apply: *
Quelle est la tranche d'âge de vos enfants célibataire ? Veuillez sélectionner tout ceux qui s'appliquent:

- no children or no single children
- under 12 years old/ moins de 12 ans
- 12 - 19
- 20 - 30
- 30 +
- I am a single person (please select your age range above)
- I am supporting one or more single first generation member(s)

Comments or concerns:

Your answer

Submit

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Matching Supporter Virtual Training registration March 17, 2024

Welcome and thank you for your interest in supporting our members in the matching process.

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* Indicates required question

First Name *

Your answer

Last Name *

Your answer

email address *

Your answer

phone number

Your answer

Date of your Blessing *

Date



Address (city, state or province and country) *

Your answer

Why are you called to become a matching supporter?

Your answer

What best describes your desire to receive this training: *

- I want to become a matching supporter
- I was a matching supporter in the past and want to renew my training
- Just curious!
- I am an active matching supporter

Comments or questions:

Your answer

Submit

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Blessing Education Introduction for members and **newer single** members interested in the Cosmic Blessing

Singles, matching supporters, witnesses, Pastors are all welcome to join this workshop to help to understand the Blessing and the matching process.

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* Indicates required question

First Name *

Your answer

Last Name *

Your answer

email address (used for zoom link and important information) *

Your answer

What country do you live in now? *

United States of America

Canada

Other: _____

What best describes you: *

I am a newer single member

I am a spiritual parent (I am or will be introducing a newer member to the Blessing)

I am a Pastor, DP educator or interested member

I am a qualified matching supporter

I am married and interested in receiving the Blessing with my spouse

Other: _____

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