

Invitation to a nationwide Marriage Blessing Ceremony

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Dear Pastors, Ministry Leaders, and Tribal Messiahs,

We are pleased to invite communities across America to participate in a nationwide opportunity to host a Marriage Blessing Ceremony on the weekend of February 25, 2017. This would be the first in a series of Marriage Blessing Ceremonies across the country.

The Marriage Blessing Movement is an initiative to extend True Parents' Marriage Blessing to more couples and families throughout America. By participating in a public Marriage Blessing Ceremony, held in conjunction with ceremonies across the country, we can make a statement affirming the value of the Marriage Blessing and Blessed Families. These ceremonies will kick off the Marriage Blessing Movement in America for 2017!

Vision for the Marriage Blessing Movement in 2017

True Mother spoke the following words during the 2015 Foundation Day Blessing Ceremony:

“The Marriage Blessing will hold no meaning if you allow your blessing to extend only to your family, while living in this age of True Parents. Do you understand? Blessed families must fulfill their responsibility. The Marriage Blessing should not remain within or end up as a blessing that extends only to your family. You must reveal to your neighbors, your tribe, and your nation that True Parents are the true owners.” – True Mother

Through receiving the Marriage Blessing, we hope friends and family of our faith community can have their marriages strengthened and renewed with God's love and grace. It is True Parents' desire that all the people of the world receive the Marriage Blessing and become Blessed Central Families and Tribal Messiahs and, centered on God, practice true love in their relationships. However, they need our help to make this possible.

True Mother has given her support for certified Blessing Officiators to bestow the Marriage Blessing at any time of the year for married couples. In addition to this nationwide opportunity, we are inviting a community-wide effort to invite couples to receive the Marriage Blessing on specified dates every two months in 2017.

The 2017 nationwide Marriage Blessing Movement opportunities are:

The weekend of February 25
The weekend of April 29
The weekend of June 24
The weekend of August 26
The weekend of October 28
The weekend of December 16

Dates can be flexible depending on community preferences.

Although participation in a ceremony scheduled by the Marriage Blessing Movement is not mandatory, and married couples may choose to have a ceremony anytime throughout the year, there are advantages to taking part in a public gathering. Some of the benefits of a scheduled nationwide ceremony as part of a Marriage Blessing Movement are:

An opportunity to join a national effort to Bless America. A public gathering makes a statement affirming the value of the Marriage Blessing and Blessed Families, giving your ceremony additional meaning.

[Registered communities](#) can display and promote their ceremony on an Interactive Map.

With a public event, more support and resources might be available to make the special day even more special. Communities receive access to constant support from the BFM, promotional materials, Blessing Ceremony Kit, and other resources.

Some have expressed that it is exciting to invite couples to participate in a nationwide movement. Holding these ceremonies at pre-scheduled times around the county can give our Tribal Messiahs a focus in their outreach, having a specific program to invite their guests.

To read about the national Marriage Blessing Ceremonies that took place previously, please [click here](#).

All matched couples will have the opportunity to participate in the Cosmic Blessing Ceremony officiated by True Parents that will take place in conjunction with the 5th Anniversary of True Father's Seonghwa. More details are forthcoming.

Hosting a Marriage Blessing Ceremony

All communities are invited to host a Marriage Blessing Ceremony (regardless of size or number of participating couples) by:

- a) [Signing up your community online](#)
- b) [Securing a certified Blessing Officiators couple](#) and
- c) [Registering the participating couples online](#)

If your community is interested in hosting a ceremony locally, please [sign up here](#) to receive more info.

Participation in the Marriage Blessing Ceremony

The most important preparation a couple can make is internal. It is essential that couples receiving the Marriage Blessing understand the basic meaning of the Marriage Blessing and the mission of True Parents.

Couples that are committed to completing the [five steps](#) to change their blood lineage and participate in the Marriage Blessing Ceremony need to register online at [BlessingAmerica.org](#).

We invite you to contribute to the success of this Marriage Blessing Movement in 2017, and wish you the very best as you prepare for the upcoming Marriage Blessing Ceremony and future ceremonies. May Heaven's blessings be with you and your communities!

We look forward to supporting you to give the Marriage Blessing to your friends, neighbors, relatives, and community members throughout America. Please feel free to contact our national BFM team at bfmadmin@unification.org or 212-997-0055 with any questions.

Sincerely,

Dr. Michael Balcomb
President

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Interim Director, National BFM



Welcome!

We want to provide you with the best Marriage Blessing experience possible.

The purpose of this registration is to help you best prepare for the Marriage Blessing and to record your information as you begin your life as a Blessed Couple. This registration is for affiliates to the Family Federation for World Peace and Unification, and is intended for married couples of all faith backgrounds.

About You

Tell us about yourself. What is your faith background? The Marriage Blessing is for everyone, regardless of religion, culture or nationality.

Buddhist

Christian

Hindu

Judaism

Muslim

Unificationist

Basic Info

Husband's Name

Wife's Name

First

Last

First

Last

Husband's Email Address

Wife's Email Address

Wife's Phone Number

Husband's Phone Number *

Marriage Blessing Ceremony Location

State *

City *

Have you been in contact with someone in your area about how to attend the Marriage Blessing Ceremony? *

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

Intended Date of Ceremony *

Receiving the Marriage Blessing

The Marriage Blessing is a powerful commitment to allow God into your relationship as husband and wife. How well you understand the significance of the Marriage Blessing and prepare to receive it will greatly impact your experience.

The process to become a Blessed Couple consists of five steps. To read about each step, please [click here](#). Or, you can [contact a local FFWPU Pastor](#) if you have any questions.

The Five Steps are:

1. The Holy Wine Ceremony
2. The Holy Marriage Blessing Ceremony
3. The Chastening Ceremony
4. The Forty-Day Holy Dedication Period
5. The Three-Day Ceremony of Renewal

Blessing Offering

Receiving the Marriage Blessing is a priceless gift. As an expression of gratitude, there is a tradition of making a monetary offering. All couples that are able and inspired to are encouraged to offer \$2000. However, a smaller offering of \$210 can also be given instead.

How would you like to make your Blessing Offering? *

- Credit/Debit Card
- Check/Money Order

Please choose the offering amount you will give at this time: *

- Recommended Blessing Offering (\$2000)
- Minimum Blessing Offering (\$210)

Total

\$2,000.00

Credit Card *



Card Number

Month

Year

Expiration Date

Security Code

Cardholder Name

Billing Address *

Street Address

Address Line 2

City

State / Province / Region

United States

ZIP / Postal Code

Country

Cardholder Email *

Cardholder Phone *

Marriage Verification

Verification is necessary to confirm that you are already married.

Do you verify that you are legally married, that the Marriage Blessing Ceremony does not affect the legal status of your marital relationship, and that you are committing as one man and one woman to partake in the Marriage Blessing Ceremony? *

Please type your names.

Commitment to the Holy Marriage Blessing

To finish this registration, please read the following commitment and confirm your agreement below.

1. We desire to participate in the Holy Marriage Blessing Ceremony and renew our commitment as eternal husband and wife. We understand and support the ideal of the Marriage Blessing to achieve world peace through true families.
2. We will establish a family tradition of which God can be proud, respecting the standards and traditions established by our True Parents. We pledge to practice the principle of purity until marriage and absolute fidelity in marriage, and to teach our children these values, passing them on to future generations.
3. We will love all people and families of the world as God does, beyond race, religion or nationality, realizing the one great family of humankind that our Heavenly Parent desires.
4. We recognize that the Marriage Blessing is a ceremony of spiritual dedication and not a legal marriage. We affirm that we are already legally married according to applicable laws.

We have read the Commitment to the Holy Marriage Blessing. *

We agree fully and commit ourselves this day.
