



Upcoming Blessing Ceremony Date and Preparation Announcement

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Dear Families,

“Until now, marriage was centered on the individual self, but our wedding ceremony is holy and has the content to make God happy and the condition to indemnify history. The Blessing centering on God is the place of meeting the Kingdom of Heaven on earth and Kingdom of Heaven in heaven. In the entire life of True Father, do you know what the most valuable thing I can imagine is? It is the Blessing. For all of you the ultimate gift in human history is the Blessing.” ~ True Father

We are pleased to announce that True Mother will officiate a Holy Marriage Blessing Ceremony in Chung Pyung, Korea on the morning of Tuesday, March 3, 2015. A simultaneous satellite broadcast of the ceremony in Korea will be available in the U.S. on Monday, March 2, 2015 evening. All matched couples, CIG Matching candidates, and married couples that have not yet received the Blessing of Marriage from True Parents, are invited to participate in this upcoming ceremony.

For complete information about participating in the upcoming Holy Marriage Blessing Ceremony visit the event page on the Blessing and Family Ministry website. The page includes information about how to make all the necessary preparations for participation in the ceremony – completing the online Blessing application, receiving the Level 3 Blessing education, scheduling a Blessing Interview, buying Blessing rings, Korea Blessing Ceremony and local Blessing Ceremonies information, and more.

Matched and married couples will be able to participate in the upcoming Blessing Ceremony at the main ceremony in Korea or by satellite at a local community/district ceremony in the U.S. **All communities / districts with at least one couple planning to participate in the Blessing are encouraged to begin organizing a Blessing Ceremony.**

To support local communities in organizing and hosting a Blessing Ceremony, we are offering a series of Blessing Preparation Support Webinars for Pastors and Ministry Leaders. All pastors, ministry leaders and ministry volunteers who will be involved in the organization of a local/district Blessing Ceremony are encouraged to attend these webinars. **The first Blessing Preparation Support Webinar for Pastors and Ministry Leaders will be held on Thursday, October 30 from 9:00 - 10:30 pm EDT.** The webinar will include suggestions on how to organize a local Blessing Ceremony, information on financial and resource support offered by the National BFM, how-to support candidates in completing the online matching and Blessing Application, and plenty of time for Q&A. **In order to participate in the webinar, you must pre-register here.**

In addition to the webinar, resources for organizing a local Blessing Ceremony can be found on the **Ministry Leaders Resources Section of the BFM website.** Resources include: How-to Guide for conducting a local Blessing Ceremony, Blessing Ceremony checklist, local ceremony announcement sample, Blessing Celebration reimbursement form, 40 Days Holy Separation Guidance, How-to conduct the Chastening Ceremony, 3-Day Ceremony Guidelines, and more.

Each community will receive a subsidy for each matched or married individual that participates in their Blessing Ceremony to help cover the cost of ceremony related expenses. The subsidy is a portion of each Blessing participant's Blessing Offering. Information about how to receive this subsidy will be explained on the Blessing Preparation Support Webinars for Pastors and Ministry Leaders.

At this time we do not have complete information about how and when True Mother will facilitate the Cheon Il Guk Matching ceremony this year. However, we are certain that she will facilitate the CIG Matching process for qualified candidates, and we anticipate that more information will be coming soon. [For more information about the CIG Matching process and qualifications click here.](#) All those who have some level of interest in participating in the CIG Matching and parents of potential CIG Matching candidates are encouraged to join our interactive webinar, the **CIG Matching Orientation on Saturday, November 8, from 12:00 – 7:00 pm EDT.** [Click here to learn more or register for the CIG Matching Orientation.](#)

We look forward to supporting individuals and families on their journey to the Blessing. Please do not hesitate to contact our national BFM team at: bfmadmin@unification.org with any questions or concerns.

God Bless,



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Cheon Il Guk Matching Orientation

Saturday, November 8, 2014 12:00 PM - 7:00 PM EST - [Show in my Time Zone](#)

Webinar Registration

Interested in attending the next Cheon Il Guk Matching? Then participation in this CIG Matching Orientation Interactive webinar is a must. This Orientation will be an informative session for those who are considering attending the 2015 CIG Matching facilitated by True Mother, and is required in order to attend the next upcoming CIG Matching. This Orientation will be done entirely online via Webinar, and participants will learn and discuss the following:

- "What Do I Bring to the Table?" - presentation
- "My Heritage, My Legacy" - presentation
- Information about the CIG Matching process and qualifications
- Testimonies from past CIG Matching Candidates
- Q&A

We strongly encourage parents of candidates to participate in the Orientation together with their child so that the parents can fully understand the CIG Matching and better support their child.

NOTE: There will be an additional required workshop on January 17th, 2016 for confirmed CIG Matching Candidates.

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Cheon Il Guk Matching

What is the Cheon Il Guk Matching?

Before departing from this earth, True Father established the ongoing tradition of the Cheon Il Guk matching as a method for Unificationists to connect to their eternal spouse. During the Matching Ceremony, participants are responsible for finding and connecting to their spouse with the guidance of their Original Mind and the support of True Mother.

Purpose of the Cheon Il Guk Matching

From 2001 – 2012 True Parents worked to establish conditions to recreate the original standard of love and innocence prior to the human fall, a realm of absolute goodness under God's dominion. Father prepared the foundation to launch an era of Heavenly authority on Foundation Day. The matching and Blessing of the purest young people under True Parents' authority is one such condition, recreating the original standard of the Blessing. Father has referred to these couples as a "textbook" for the ideals of the Blessing.

Matching Method for the Cheon Il Guk Matching

In October, 2010 and again in March, 2012, Father and Mother presided over CIG matching ceremonies, but rather than recommend partners themselves, True Parents empowered and guided the candidates to identify their own future spouse. Father educated the participants on sensing and following their original minds, how to approach a prospective partner, and guided them throughout the process. He told participants that the process should happen naturally, and encouraged that if they felt uncomfortable, unclear or forced, they should feel free to withdraw and not participate. He also introduced a simple method of suggesting balanced or opposite characters, by having participants clasp their hands together and identifying whether their left or right thumb was naturally dominant.

In February 2013 True Mother presided over the matching process. She did not employ one specific method, but moved among the candidates giving encouragement and support. We anticipate that candidates will receive similar education and guidance during the February, 2014 ceremony. However, we are awaiting more detailed information and instructions.

Qualifications to be a Cheon Il Guk Matching Candidate

The Cheon Il Guk standard is designed to represent the ideal of innocent and pure Adam and Eve, prior to the fall. In order to qualify for the Cheon Il Guk Matching, you must meet all of the following qualifications:

1. **Lineage:** Must be a Blessed Child (born after your parents received the Blessing from True Parents)
2. **Age:** A minimum age of 20 (western age) on the date of the Blessing Ceremony, and a maximum age of 30
3. **Purity:** Never having kissed, dated, or made an exclusive romantic commitment to another person. Never having been matched before
4. **Faith:** Determination to keep a commitment to the Matching and Blessing with absolute faith. Dissolution of the Blessing is not an option.
5. **Unity:** Willing to receive the Blessing with someone from any race or nationality
6. **Health:** Those with no specific physical, developmental or psychological problems
7. **Conditions:** Having completed a 7-Day Fast specifically for this Matching & Blessing (even having previously completed a 7-Day Fast)

How To Apply for the Cheon Il Guk Matching

All CIG Matching participants must first complete the Matching Candidate Application, and then apply for the Blessing Ceremony.



HOLY MARRIAGE BLESSING CEREMONY



March 3rd, 2015
(March 2nd in U.S.)

[Apply for the Blessing](#)

The Value of the Blessing

The Holy Marriage Blessing Ceremony is a celebration of the commitment of one man and one woman to love each other with God's true love eternally, and to establish their couple and family as a dwelling place of God. True Parents, Rev. Sun Myung Moon and Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon, have made it possible for couples to participate in this ceremony worldwide through their lifelong investment into fulfilling God's Will and bringing about the Kingdom of Heaven on Earth. By participating in this ceremony, couples become part of a worldwide community of Blessed couples striving to embody the true love of God, and receive incredible blessings from God as they begin their journey as a married couple.

How to Apply

All individuals planning to attend this Marriage Blessing Ceremony will need to complete the Blessing Ceremony Application. To complete the application, applicants will need to fulfill all the necessary requirements, which are outlined in the application.

[Apply for the Blessing](#)

Couples Participating in the Blessing in Korea

The main Blessing Ceremony, officiated by True Mother, will be held in Cheong Pyeong, Korea on the morning of March 3rd, 2015. Surrounding the Blessing Ceremony, a fun and memorable program will be offered for U.S. couples, including sightseeing, couples' activities, and a celebration banquet. All expenses for transportation, food, accommodation, and activities will be covered for all Blessing participants by their Blessing Offerings. Detailed information regarding the schedule and arrival for those attending in Korea is *forthcoming*.

Couples Participating in the Blessing in the U.S.

The main Blessing Ceremony in Korea will be broadcast LIVE at various locations throughout the U.S. on the evening of March 2nd, 2015. Local communities / districts are encouraged to creatively organize local Blessing Ceremonies for couples. Please contact your local Pastor for information about how to participate in a Blessing Ceremony in your local community or district.

Individuals Interested in the Cheon Il Guk Matching

The Cheon Il Guk Matching facilitated by True Mother will be held a few days prior to the Blessing Ceremony. All those considering participating in the CIG Matching are encouraged to learn more about the CIG Matching process and qualifications and register for the CIG Matching Orientation interactive webinar, which will be held on Saturday, November 8th from 12:00 pm – 7:00 pm EDT.

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Webinar Registration

The Holy Marriage Blessing Ceremony, a ceremony with deep meaning and significance for all those who participate, is one of our most anticipated events of the year. Although couples are supported and encouraged to attend the main Blessing Ceremony in Korea, there will NOT be a national Blessing Ceremony held in the U.S. Therefore, it is very important that each local community/district organize and host their own Blessing Ceremony for the couples in their community/district that will not attend the Blessing Ceremony in Korea.

The National BFM will host a 3-part Blessing Preparation Support Webinar Series for pastors and ministry leaders to support you in creating a meaningful and beautiful Blessing Ceremony for your community. Also, the National BFM will happily support your local Blessing Ceremony with resources, finances, and promotion upon your request. By participating in these webinars you will learn how to:

- Create a Blessing prep team
- Prepare couples to receive the Blessing
- Prepare for the Blessing Ceremony
- Conduct a successful Blessing Ceremony

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