



Marriage Blessing Update - Upcoming Blessing, Memorial Day Weekend

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Dear Families,

With encouragement from True Mother, last June we initiated a Marriage Blessing Movement in America. In June, October, and February, communities across the nation hosted Marriage Blessing Ceremonies, with a total of over 300 couples receiving the Blessing! And the momentum is growing. We are now on a mission to Bless one million Americans by 2020! Imagine the impact this will make on America.

As you are hopefully aware of by now, Blessing Ceremonies can be hosted at any time of the year so long as the community:

- a) [Registers their community with the Blessing and Family Ministry HQ](#), and
- b) [Secures an approved Blessing Ceremony Officiating Couple](#)

Once a community is registered as a Blessing Ceremony host, it will receive a Blessing Ceremony Support Kit, and ongoing information and support. Each time a community hosts a Blessing, it needs to register its community as a host, so the BFM HQ will know to provide the latest resources and information, and follow-up after the ceremony occurs. The registration form is very simple, and will only take a few minutes to complete.

The next national level opportunity to host a Blessing Ceremony will be this upcoming Memorial Day weekend May 28-30.

As we commemorate the 40th anniversary of the Yankee Stadium Rally held on June 1, 1976, there will be a Family Festival Celebration and Marriage Blessing Ceremony at True Parents' Belvedere estate, in which an estimated 2000+ participants will gather from all the surrounding districts. Communities within a reasonable distance of Belvedere are encouraged to bring couples to the Blessing program at Belvedere. All others are encouraged to plan a local celebration and Marriage Blessing Ceremony.

Who Can Participate?

All married couples that have not yet received the Blessing are welcome to participate in the Blessing Ceremony at Belvedere and Blessing Ceremonies held across the nation. Matched couples are encouraged to wait to participate in the Blessing Ceremony directly officiated by True Mother at Foundation Day, or contact the BFM HQ to request special permission to participate. It is important that all couples participating in a community hosted Blessing Ceremony understand and appreciate the meaning and value of the Blessing and the messianic role of True Parents. They do not necessarily have to be ready to change their blood lineage or become FFWPU members. However, they should have a sense that it is beneficial for their couple to receive the Blessing, and be willing to offer conditions of gratitude for what they are receiving through the Blessing.

Participation in a Blessing Ceremony

To participate in a locally hosted Blessing Ceremony and complete the 5 Steps to Change their Blood Lineage, couples need to [register at BlessingAmerica.org](http://BlessingAmerica.org). All other participating couples should register with their local community.

For more information about the process for a married couple to receive the Blessing and become a Blessed Couple, please see the attached document. The document also clarifies the process for a married couple that is not yet ready to take all the necessary steps to become a Blessed Couple, but would like to receive the Blessing as an initial step towards eventually becoming a Blessed Couple.

Let's join together to share the blessings we've been given and support couples throughout America in receiving the Marriage 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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