Marriage Blessing Officiator Application

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"In the Unification Church, we restore fallen man and woman centering on true love by giving the Blessing. God's primary will is that this be accomplished. In the future this will expand, as the work of making one world will remain. Now, through holding several Blessings for people worldwide, the new tradition of love is established as the road of tradition."

- True Father

In response to True Mother's guidance, the Marriage Blessing Ceremony Movement was initiated as a way to extend the grace of the Blessing to more couples and families throughout America, multiply the numbers of Blessed Central Families nationwide, and support each Blessed Central Family in reaching the goal of Blessing 430 couples in their tribe.

The HSA-UWC Board has established an official application process for Blessing officiating couples. This process will provide the transparency of the application and approval process, as well as maintain the integrity of Blessing Ceremonies that are sanctioned by True Mother. This process will include a recommendation from the District Pastor, approval from the Blessing & Family Ministry, and final approval by the President of FFWPU.

Application & Approval Process

- 1. Complete and submit the online application for certification at the bottom of this page.
- 2. Upon completion, your application will be forwarded to your District Pastor for online review and signature. Note: In the case that a District Pastor is applying, another District Pastor should review and sign.
- 3. After the District Pastor reviews and signs the application online, the National Blessing & Family Ministry will review the application.
- 4. The application will be sent to the President of FFWPU and the Director of the Blessing and Family Ministry for final approval and signing.
- 5. Upon final approval, an official certificate of authorization to officiate the Holy Marriage Blessing Ceremony will be sent electronically and by mail to the officiating couple.

Qualifications:

Ordained Unification minister/pastor; or

A couple recommended as officiators by both the Blessing and Family Ministry of FFWPU and a District Pastor,

Approved by the FFWPU President

NOTE: In case the District Pastor is the applicant, another District Pastor is to review and sign the application.

It is the Blessing Officiator's privilege to officiate ceremonies on the family and tribe level:

The Holy Marriage Blessing

Seonghwa Ceremony

Comfort Blessing Benediction Service

Documents to be submitted:

Photo of the applying couple

Marriage Blessing documentation (i.e. Blessing certificate, Blessing photo, or other document)

Applicant Basic Information Husband's Name* First Name* Last Name* Wife's Name* First Name* Last Name* Email* Phone* Address*Address Line 1* City State ZIP Code Upload couple's photo* Local Church* District (in the case you are the District Pastor, please indicate another District Pastor or IW that can review your application)* **Holy Marriage Blessing Documentation** Location* Date* Month Day Year Upload official Blessing photo and/or certificate* We hereby vouch that we received the Holy Marriage Blessing, fulfilling all ceremonies and conditions: Husband's Name* Prefix* First Name* Last Name* Wife's Name* Prefix* First Name* Last Name* **Academic Education** Indicate Academic Education Completed or in Progress:* Unification Theological Seminary Other Unificationist seminary or graduate training academy Other seminary Online-certificate program Clinical Pastoral Education, or equivalent None

indicate whichever apply -- note which you have completed and which you are in but have not completed

Blessing Officiator Commitments

1. We pledge that we will be accountable to the members of the spiritual community of which we are members, and bring honor and glory to Heavenly Parents and True Parents* Yes
2. We pledge that we can stand in a position of trust and responsibility as a Blessed Central Family of the Family Federation for World Peace and Unification America* ☐ Yes
3. We will abide by the provisions of the Family Pledge*☐ Yes
4. We will uphold the highest standards of personal and moral behavior as an exemplary member of our faith community, with particular respect to the admonitions of True Parents in three areas:
 a. We will practice the utmost integrity in the use of public money, assets and resources.* Yes
b. We will adhere to the teachings and principles of absolute sexual morality, and will remain faithful to each other, and abstain from any form of inappropriate behavior. We will refrain from the use of alcohol, drugs or other substances.*
c. We will respect all people as the sons and daughters of God, listen respectfully to others and keep confidences, doing everything we can to avoid intentionally hurting the heart of another as we carry out our responsibilities.* $ \square $
Divine Principle Examination
Commitment to complete Divine Principle Examination*
I am prepared to demonstrate sufficient understanding of the following Divine Principle content to a District pastor in an oral or written form:
The Purpose of Creation The Human Fall The Mission of the Messiah The Path of Jesus The Path of True Parents The Purpose of the FFWPU and its Local Communities Your Personal Mission and Vision as a Tribal Messiah The Tribal Messiah's Responsibility in Performing Unification Church Practices (Hoon Dok Hae, An Si II, Holy Days, birth, bringing people to the Holy Marriage Blessing, Seonghwa)
Signature & Date
Signed and dated by the candidate husband and wife:
Husband's Name*
Prefix*
First Name*

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