Yun-A Johnson August 28, 2020

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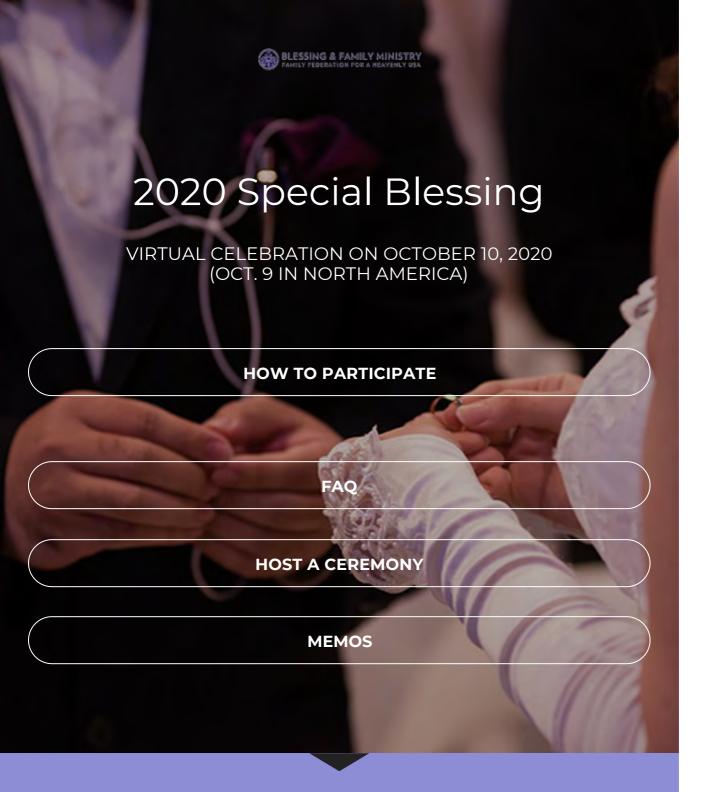
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HOW TO PARTICIPATE

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REGISTER YOUR COUPLE



FAQ

How do we apply?

Complete your online application and make the Blessing Offering by September 21 in order to join this Special Blessing opportunity.

The online application consists of the Matching Candidate Application, Matching Report Application, and Blessing Ceremony Application. Learn more about each of these applications <u>here</u>.

Married inter-generational couples should apply using this form.

Who can participate?

A) Matched couples.

Matched couples must complete all the requirements to receive the Blessing, i.e., the online <u>applications</u> on the BFM website. It is ideal and preferred that couples participate physically in the same location.

B) Inter-generational couples who have married before receiving the Blessing. Inter-generational married couples must complete all the requirements to receive the Blessing, i.e., filling out the <u>Blessing Ceremony Application</u> for married couples, and complete the Blessing education before and after the Blessing Ceremony. They <u>must</u> participate physically together in the Holy Wine and

Blessing Ceremonies.

Where can I purchase a Blessing ring?

It is not a requirement to have a Blessing ring for the ceremony, but it is preferred. To order a Blessing ring, send an email to mcbrunk@verizon.net. Please make sure to include the following info on your email:

- Ring style name & ring size (right hand)
- Metal color preference (yellow or white gold)
- Diamond or no center diamond
- Inscription message if applicable (40 characters at most)

- Recipient mailing address
- And whether or not you have already sent the payment

Click here for more details.

Make sure to send a money order as soon as you place the order. Email the tracking number to Michael so that he knows when the money order is arriving. (A priority mail will do just fine.) Remember that it might take at least two weeks for you to receive your rings.

What is the dress code?

- A) Groom: dark suit, white gloves, purple bow tie recommended
- B) Bride: white dress, white gloves (having accessories such as bouquets, tiaras and veils is left up to each bride)

What are the Conditions of Devotion?

Besides filling out the online applications and fulfilling the Blessing education, every participant must submit a <u>Statement of Resolve to Start Anew</u> to his or her local church in a sealed envelope.

Where will the Blessing Take Place?

The Blessing Ceremony will take place in Korea, and will be broadcast live throughout the world in local community churches. Please communicate with a local pastor about your interest in participating.

Will there be Special Grace?

Special Grace will be offered only to the couples participating in this Blessing. Individuals or Blessed Families wanting to receive the Special Grace will not be able to receive it at this time.

HOST A CEREMONY

Register your local Blessing Ceremony to receive updates.

1. Register Your Ceremony Click here to register



2. Communicate with Couples



3. Officiate Ceremony





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MARRIAGE BLESSING

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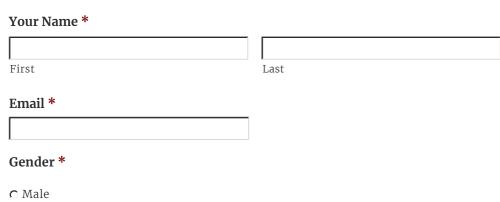
COMMUNITY CARE



2020 Special Blessing Ceremony Registration

This form will help us stay in communication with you and gather important information about your couple.

Please ensure that you have made all the necessary preparations outlined on <u>this</u> <u>page</u> before registering below.



C Female

Country *

C USA

C Canada

We will be participating in the 2020 Special Blessing as a: *

C Matched Couples

C Married Couple

Spouse's	Name *	
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First	Last

Spouse's Country *

C USA

C Canada

Other

Intended location to receive the Blessing (if known)

City & State

 Π understand that I must also complete my online application for the Blessing by September 21.



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I understand that I should communicate with a local community pastor to make preparations to receive the Blessing.

Submit

Email Address

First Name

Last Name

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APPLICATION CENTER

UPCOMING EVENTS



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COMMUNITY NEWS

In Memory of Satoshi Yabuki

Satoshi Yabuki was born in Manhattan, New York on July 29, 2005. He is the third child and second son of Tetsuyoshi and Mitsuyo...

In Memory of Marty Scroggins

Marty M. Scroggins was born in Chicago, Illinois. Marty was raised by his grandmother, Almeta Anderson, and his stepgrandfather. He spent his childhood in...

In Memory of George Glass

George F. Glass ascended to the spirit world on June 18, 2020 at 2:45 PM after a brief but aggressive battle with leukemia. He...

In Memory of Henry Masters

Our beloved brother Henry Masters ascended to the spirit world on Saturday, May 23, 2020



Getting Blessed is awesome. Start your journey here.

This registration is for Married intergenerational couples who want to receive the Blessing from our True Parents.

About You

The Marriage Blessing is for everyone, regardless of religion, culture or nationality.

Tell us about yourself.

Basic Info

Husband's Name *	
First Name	
Last Name	
Husband's Email Address *	
Email Address	
Husband's Phone Number *	
United States	
Husband's Faith Background *	
Wife's Name *	
First Name	
Last Name	
Wife's Email Address *	

Email Address	
Wife's Phone Number *	
United States	V
Wife's Faith Background *	

Marriage Blessing Ceremony Location

State ^	
(Choose One)	
City *	
Have you been in contact with someone in your area about how to attend the Marriage Blessing Ceremony? *	
C Yes	
Intended Date of Ceremony *	
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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 <u>click here</u>. Or, you can contact a local FFWPU Pastor if you have any questions.

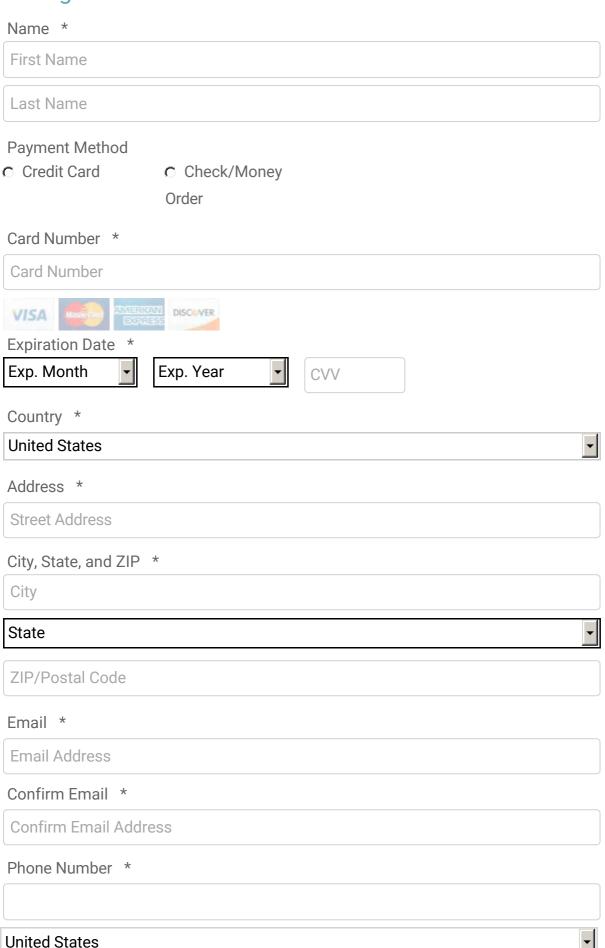
The Five Steps are:

- 1. The Holy Wine Ceremony
- 2. The Holy Marriage Blessing Ceremony
- 3. The Chastening Ceremony

5. The Three-Day Ceremony of Renewal
Do you promise to fulfill each of the Five Steps listed above? * • Yes! • No thanks.
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Blessing Offering
Diessing Offering
The Marriage Blessing is a priceless gift. The Blessing Offering is an opportunity to express gratitude for what you are receiving through the Marriage Blessing.
Purpose * C October 10th Blessing Offering
The amount of the Blessing Offering is \$2,000
Donation * C Blessing Offering (\$2,000.00)
Total \$2,000.00
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 name. *
For your application to be approved, you must upload your marriage certificate. Marriage Certificate Upload *
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4. The Forty-Day Holy Dedication Period

Billing Information





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Ref. No. FFWPUI BFD 2020-040

To: Regional Group Chairs, Sub-regional Leaders

Cc: Personnel-in-charge of Regional Group HQ and Sub-regional HQ

From: FFWPU International HQ Blessed Family Department

Date: 7.8 by the Heavenly Calendar in the 8th Year of Cheon II Guk (August 26, 2020)

Re.: Details for the 2020 Special Blessing Ceremony (tentative title)

May the Heavenly Parent and True Parents' blessings and love be with you all.

We would like to notify you of the change of date and additional information for the 2020 Special Blessing Ceremony (tentative title). Please prepare according to the information below and the detailed guidance provided by each Regional Group HQ.

1. Additional Information and Rescheduling the 2020 Special Blessing Ceremony (tentative title)

- A. Rescheduling Information
 - 1) Original schedule: September 5, 2020, at 10:00 am KST
 - 2) New schedule: October 10, 2020, at 2:00 pm KST
- B. Program: Both the Holy Wine Ceremony and Blessing Ceremony will be held on the same day, October 10, 2020 (those living outside Korea will join via webcast).
- C. Holy Wine Ceremony: held as part of the last Special Grace bestowed through the Cheonbo Induction in the era for the Firm Establishment of Cheon II Guk (However, already-blessed couples and individuals are not eligible to participate on this occasion.)
- D. Holy Wine: Cheon Il Guk Holy Wine (Please use the Cheon Il Guk Holy Wine from the 2020 Cheonbo Holy Wine Ceremony or Cheon Il Guk Holy Wine that True Parents bestowed in 2016.)

2. Detailed Information Regarding the Blessing Participants

- A. Single Candidates: Couples that fulfill the requirements for single Blessing candidates, including age
 - 1) 1st generation couples, 2nd generation couples: Only couples that have fully prepared, based on their Regional Group HQ's guidelines, may participate.
- 2) Couples where one is of the 2nd generation and the other is of the 1st generation: These couples will be considered 1st generation couples. (Due to the current COVID-19 pandemic, it is uncertain when the HJ Heaven and Earth Cheonbo Training Center will reopen for the 40-day workshop. Therefore, even if a couple that wishes to be considered a 2nd generation couple fulfills the rest of the conditions, they cannot be eligible for this Blessing.)
- B. Couples married outside the Blessing: 1st generation or 2nd generation members who married without receiving the Blessing
 - 1) Legally married 1st or 2nd generation members must participate together (in person) with their spouses both in the Holy Wine Ceremony and Blessing Ceremony.

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- 2) Please refer to the '2020-010 Official Memo [Attachment 2]: Guideline' to understand whether a couple will be considered a 1st generation couple or a 2nd generation couple.
- C. "Married couples" are not eligible for this Blessing.

3. Information on the Special Grace that is Limited to Blessing Participants

- A. Those who can receive the Special Grace: all couples participating in this Blessing Ceremony
- B. This Special Grace is given through participating in the Holy Wine Ceremony and the Blessing Ceremony
- C. Education: each church shall hold an education session on the Value of the Blessing before the Blessing Ceremony and additional education after the Blessing Ceremony. (Please be sure to keep within your nation's COVID-19 restrictions.)
- D. Conditions of Devotion (Jeongseong)
 - 1) Offering of a Statement of Resolve to Start Anew
 - A) Each participant shall fill in the *Statement of Resolve to Start Anew* form with a grateful heart for receiving the Blessing and submit it to his or her church.
 - B) Who should submit this: all couples participating in this Blessing Ceremony
 - C) Form: Refer to '2020-010 Official Memo [Attachment 1]: Statement of Resolve to Start Anew in the Era of the Firm Establishment of Cheon Il Guk'
 - D) Each church shall distribute the *Statement of Resolve to Start Anew* forms in advance. Each participant shall fill it in and submit to his or her church in a sealed envelope.
 - 2) Donation of Gratitude: The donation, based on the number 13, is included in the Blessing donation.
 - 3) Participants will be asked to fulfill additional *jeongseong* conditions before or after the Blessing Ceremony based on guidelines given by each Regional Group HQ.

4. Information Regarding the Cheon II Guk Registration Blessing

- A. To Whom it Applies: Participants of this Blessing Ceremony
- B. Donation of Gratitude: Included in the Blessing Donation
- C. If needed, education and *jeongseong* conditions shall be guided by each Regional Group HQ

5. Blessing Ceremony Administrative Guidelines

- A. Qualifications of Blessing Participants
 - 1) Single matched candidates: They must have fulfilled all conditions required for Blessing candidates. (It is possible to complete the educational requirements after the Blessing.)
 - 2) Couples married outside the Blessing: They must have fulfilled the requirements for Blessing candidates revised by the regional groups and complete their education before or after the Blessing Ceremony organized under each church.

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B. Blessing Offerings

- 1) Blessing Donation: Offered to True Parents through the Regional Group HQ based on the guidelines announced in the following memos: FFWPUI 2020-004 and FFWPUI BFD 2020-011
- 2) Participation Fee: offered based on the guidelines of each Regional Group HQ
- 3) Deadline for the offerings: based on the guidelines of each Regional Group HQ
- C. Blessing Rings: available for online purchase from the Youkeumsa website (www.youkeumsa.com)
 - 1) Korea: order online or purchase directly from the store
 - 2) World: order online; shipping takes 7~10 days (differs with each country)

D. Attire

- 1) Korea: bow ties, bouquets, tiaras, veils and gloves will be provided
 - A) Groom: dark suit
 - B) Bride: white dress
- 2) Rest of the world: prepared by each participant
 - A) Groom: dark suit, white gloves, purple bow tie recommended (individual preparation)
 - B) Bride: white dress, white gloves (preparation of bouquets, tiaras and veils is up to each bride)
- E. The above detailed information will be supplemented by guidelines from Regional Group HQ

6. Administrative Details

- A. Matters that are not decided yet such as the title of the Blessing Ceremony, the officiators, and details of the program will be announced later through another memo.
- B. Inquiries: Monika Lajdová, International Headquarters Blessed Family Department Email: ffwpuihqbfd@gmail.com

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