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MEMO: BFD 2010-08-14

To: District Directors, State & Church Leaders, Blessed Central Families
From: National Blessed Family Department
Re: International Blessing Ceremony on October 10, 2010 in Korea and Blessing Workshops for Blessed Children and First Generation
Date: August 14, 2010

We are pleased to announce that there will be an **International Blessing Ceremony on October 10th, 2010 in Korea**. The main ceremony will take place in Asan, Korea, on the campus of Sun-Moon University. True Parents will officiate this historic Blessing Ceremony for matched couples of both the 1st and 2nd Generation, as well as Ambassadors for Peace and other previously married couples. There will also be a matching by True Parents for 2nd Generation Blessing Candidates.

The main ceremony will also be broadcast via internet for already matched or previously married couples who are not able to attend the main ceremony with True Parents in Korea. Detailed information regarding a Blessing via internet in the USA will be announced later.

All 2nd Generation Blessing participants must register with the Blessed Family Department by September 15th, and complete the full Blessing Application. Blessed Children who are qualified and seek to be matched by True Parents prior to this Blessing should complete the additional confirmation of qualifications form. BCs matched by their parents should also submit the matching report form. Application guidelines for First Generation candidates or couples will be announced in a separate memo.

Although we are still waiting for the official announcement through an international memo, this memo explains what we already know concerning important dates and points to prepare, as well as our plans for Blessing education for both First and Second Generation. Further details will be announced as we learn them. To register and prepare, please review the information below and submit all documents by September 15th.

- I. DATE OF THE BLESSING CEREMONY:** Sunday, October 10th, 2010
- II. LOCATION OF THE MAIN CEREMONY:** Sun Moon University Campus, Asan, South Korea
- III. WHEN TO ARRIVE FOR THE BLESSING:**
 - A. Couples already matched** should arrive on October 8th, 2010 in Korea and plan to leave on October 12th.
 - B. Candidates for True Parents Matching** should arrive on October 5th, 2010 in Korea and plan to leave on October 12th.
There will be a special workshop from October 6th – 8th in Korea for applicants for True Parents matching. The matching will take place during that time. Only candidates who are physically present will be able to participate (there will be no picture matching).

IV. CANDIDATES FOR TRUE PARENTS MATCHING: ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

True Parents intend to match Blessed Children in order to establish a model of the original standard for the Blessing. BCs between 17 and 24 years of age (born between October 11, 1985 and October 10, 1993) who meet the Cheon Il Guk standard outlined below are welcome to apply. All candidates for True Parents' matching must complete the application process, attend the Blessing Workshop September 17-19 at UTS or October 1-3 in Los Angeles, and be interviewed by the National Blessed Family Department before traveling to Korea.

Those who are over 24, but fulfill ALL other qualifications may apply. We will inform you about whether or not it will be possible for you to attend and we recommend that those who are in this category should register as well. Others who feel strongly about their qualification, but have a question or minor discrepancy concerning the standards outlined below should contact the BFD at Blessing@unification.org to discuss this with us.

Cheon Il Guk Standard:

- A.** Those who are receiving the matching and Blessing for the first time. (A person who has cancelled a matching by True Parents or who has been matched by their parents before may NOT participate)
- B.** Purity: Those who have not kissed, dated or established any girlfriend/boyfriend relationship.
- C.** Those who have absolute faith to accept True Parents' match without question and who are resolved to not break it.
- D.** Those who are willing to receive an international Blessing (with a person from **any** race or nationality).
- E.** Those who have no specific physical or psychological problems.

NOTE: Those matched and Blessed by True Parents previously, whose partner cancelled the Blessing prior to the couple beginning a sexual relationship, who meet all of the other qualifications, have been called to True Parents' matching at times in the past. Those in this situation may want to be prepared in case that opportunity opens up.

Remember, all candidates must be qualified by the National BFD in order to participate.

V. FOR ALL BLESSED CHILDREN: DOCUMENTS TO SUBMIT

Please download and submit the following documents at www.familyfed.org (click 'Blessed Family' under 'HQ Departments on the right side of the website, and click 'Forms'), and complete the following requirements:

- 1) Blessing application form
- 2) Family Introduction form
- 3) Purity interview form
- 4) Matching Report (for couples matched already by their parents)
- 5) Blessing fee receipt
- 6) Certificate of Blessing Workshop (within 2 years of Blessing date; since October, 2008)
- 7) Two 8 x 10 photos- one full length, one head and shoulders
- 8) HIV/AIDS test
- 9) Certificate of Health Exam (only for True Parents' Matching Candidates)
- 10) Confirmation of Qualifications for True Parents' Match (for TP's Matching Candidates)

PLEASE COMPLETE THE APPLICATION PROCESS AND SUBMIT ALL DOCUMENTS AT THE SAME TIME. DO NOT SEND INDIVIDUAL DOCUMENTS ONE AT A TIME.

VI. WHERE TO SUBMIT BLESSING APPLICATION DOCUMENTS

All Blessing applications should be submitted to your District BFD by Email or Mail.

NOTE: The minimum resolution for digital photos sent by Email is 1MB.

Dist. 1 (Washington, DC):	Doug & Cheryl Wetzstein	dwetzstein@aol.com ;
Dist. 2 (New York):	Chen Lawrence Fong	lfong@optonline.net
Dist. 3 (New Jersey):	Masako Feddema	petrusf@optonline.net
Dist. 4 (Boston, MA):	Marjorie Buessing	marjorie.buessing@gmail.com
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Dist. 7 (Chicago, IL):	Fumie Ikeda	fumiei@sbcglobal.net
Dist. 8 (Minneapolis, MN):	Rosemary Yokoi	joy2075@gmail.com
Dist. 9 (Denver / Texas):	Alice Fleisher	alicefleisher@tparents.org
Dist. 10 (Seattle, WA):	Richard & Hiroko Stumpf	stumpf7@msn.com
Dist. 11 (San Francisco, CA):	Poppy Richie	bafcoffice@gmail.com
Dist. 12 (Los Angeles, CA):	Peter & Klara Chen	pcxg4@sbcglobal.net

VII. BLESSING DONATION FEE

The Blessing Donation is more than an administrative fee- it is an historical condition expressing gratitude and sincerity for receiving God's eternal gift of the Blessing through True Parents. While costs for the Blessing event are deducted from the offering (usually \$600 per participant), the majority is placed in a fund belonging to True Parents, and these funds are used for the education and support of Blessed Families and children. The standard Blessing fee for the USA is \$2,000 per applicant (and their family), and is adjusted as follows:

- \$2,000- for those participating in the Blessing in the USA
- \$1,500- for those participating in Korea (reduced to assist families in funding international travel costs)
- \$500- for those being Re-Blessed, who paid their original fees in full

Those who pay their Blessing fee need not worry about any additional fees in Korea for transportation, meals or accommodations in Korea.

Please use 'Blessing fee payment form' at www.familyfed.org and submit fees by October 1:

- By Email (credit card): BFDDadmin@unification.org
- By Fax (credit card): (212) 997-0054 ATTN: Mrs. Esther Flores
- By Mail (check or money order):

National BFD- Blessing Fee
ATTN: Mrs. Esther Flores
481 8th Avenue, Room 603
New York, NY 10001

VIII. APPLICATION DEADLINE FOR THE BLESSING: September 15th, 2010

IX. BLESSING WORKSHOPS

A. **FOR BLESSED CHILDREN-** We will have Blessing Preparation Workshops for Blessed Children on **September 17th – 19th in the New York area** (probably at UTS) and on **October 1st – 3rd in Los Angeles**. These workshops, developed in cooperation with the Education Department according to new educational guidelines, will serve as “model” programs. Staff from each district are encouraged to attend, and will receive curriculum and instructions to reproduce the Blessing Education in their own community or district.

NOTE: The October 1 – 3 workshop in Los Angeles is timed so that qualified candidates for True Parents’ matching can participate there, and fly directly to Korea afterward, arriving by Oct. 5th as instructed. Candidates can plan their flight schedules accordingly.

Further workshop and registration information will be announced soon, and will also be posted at the BFD page under departments in the members’ area at www.familyfed.org.

B. **FOR FIRST GENERATION-** One national-level Blessing Workshop is planned for September 24th – 26th in New York (probably at 43rd Street). This also will be a model training workshop. Staff from districts around the country are welcome, and will receive curriculum and materials that can be reproduced in local or district-level Blessing Workshops- even the following weekend in preparation for the Blessing.

Additional details regarding application and matching for First Generation will follow in a separate memo.

X. 7 DAY FAST

According to True Parents direction, all participants in the Blessing (1st or 2nd generation) should complete a 7-day fast prior to the ceremony. If any participant is concerned about completing the fast due to health problems, medications or other difficulties, contact your district BFD to discuss alternative ways to complete this condition wholeheartedly.

XI. TRANSPORTATION AND LODGING INFORMATION: Still to be announced

XII. THINGS TO PREPARE:

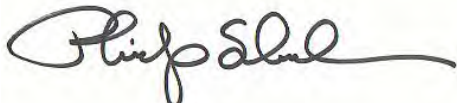
BLESSING RINGS: Can be pre-purchased in America at the Japanese Publications Store at 4 West 43rd St. in New York City (Phone 212-302-6216). Also, we expect that rings of different qualities and costs will be available in Korea. Further information will follow.

All Blessing candidates should prepare a Blessing ring and a dark (black or blue) suit with a white shirt and a red tie (brothers) or a white wedding dress (sisters). Corsage and veil will be provided in Korea.

Participants should bring FM radios for translation during the matching & Blessing Ceremony.

For further information, contact at BFDadmin@unification.org. Additional information regarding First Generation participation, internet Blessing in the USA, and other details will follow soon.

Most sincerely,



Rev. Phillip Schanker
National Blessed Family Department