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## **UTS Online Course for Marriage Enrichment Begins October 19**

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To: District Directors, State & Church Leaders, Unification Members

From: National Blessed Family Ministry

Re: Exciting Online Educational Opportunity in Marriage and Family Ministry Begins Soon!

**Date: October 12, 2011** 

We wish to remind you of a valuable "Lifelong Learning" opportunity for those seeking new ways to grow, and to enrich and support family life. There is still time to register and participate in "Marriage Ministry Basics: Brief Interventions," a new course available this fall from UTS Online for those interested in helping build healthy families, and in marriage and family ministry. The online course begins October 19th, so anyone interested should apply today.

The course presents practical strategies and effective solutions for common marital problems that most couples face. It will engage and empower participants in their own marriages, and provide skills-based training for pastors, counselors, or anyone sincerely seeking to help couples. It will be taught by popular Unificationist marriage educator and counselor John Williams, who holds a Master's degree in Religious Education from UTS, as well as a Master's in Marriage and Family Therapy. In addition to his years of experience as an educator, counselor and pioneer in character and relationship education, John works closely with the Blessed Family Ministry. He has recently presented a well-attended series of webinars on personal growth and relationships, and is a popular presenter at Blessing workshops around the country.

The course will be presented online, so you can participate from wherever you are. It runs for five weeks, and consists of weekly live lectures by webinar, assigned reading and a discussion forum, along with some exercises and written assignments. You can fit the simple coursework flexibly into your schedule. It is an opportunity to learn to help others, and a wonderful way to practice the principles of true love in your own marriage as well. Continuing education credit is available for those who are interested.

We encourage pastors, counselors and anyone passionate about healthy relationships to take advantage of this excellent opportunity for learning and professional development. To register online, or to learn more, visit http://uts.edu/lifelong-learning, or write to lifelonglearning@uts.edu.

Sincerely,

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