

## Final reminder -- Blessing Workshop after Blessed Culture and Sports Festival!

Joshua Cotter and Philip Schanker July 30, 2012

To District Pastors, Community Leaders, Blessed Central Families

--- Take this Opportunity to Learn and Understand the Family Matching Process ---

We invite young adults 18 and older to participate in a "Level II" Blessing workshop, "Finding My Ideal Partner," which will be held from Sunday evening, August 12 through Tuesday afternoon, August 14 at the UTS Conference Center in Barrytown, NY. This program will immediately follow the Blessed Culture and Sports Festival from August 8 – 12 at UTS, which will conclude with Lovin' Life Worship Service on Sunday, August 12, also planned to take place at UTS.

This program is designed for those preparing to enter the matching process. Its purpose is to help candidates understand, prepare and to consider when is the right time to begin, and to develop a clear plan in cooperation with their parents. Previous attendance to a Level 1 "Ideal of the Blessing" workshop is helpful, but not required at this time. Attendance at a Level 2 workshop is a requirement to participate in the Blessing, but young adults should attend because they want to. It is <u>not</u> recommended that parents push or force their children to attend.

Additional "Level I," "Level II" and "Level III" (for engaged and newly Blessed couples) programs may take place locally later this year. In addition, materials for Levels I and II are being developed for small group study, online education, and local workshops around the country.

## **REGISTRATION AND DEADLINE**

Participants can register online at the BFD webpage in the members' area on the Familyfed website, at www.familyfed.org/bfd, or directly by clicking on the following link:

http://events.constantcontact.com/register/event?llr=butvqyeab&oeidk=a07e63xa69o129e2b14

## WORKSHOP SCHEDULE AND LOCATION

The program will begin at UTS on Sunday, August 12. Registration begins at 4:30 PM. Dinner is at 6:00 PM, and the official program begins at 7:00 PM. The workshop will conclude at 2:00 PM on Tuesday, August 14.

## TRANSPORTATION

The best way to reach UTS is by car, and ample parking is available. In addition, there is Amtrak train service from **Penn Station** in Manhattan to the Rhinecliff/Kingston station near Barrytown. We will provide transportation from the train station to UTS Conference Center for those who pre-register and request it. The Albany, NY airport is just over a 1-hour drive from Barrytown, and often has low cost flights available from around the country.

For questions or registration assistance, contact BFDadmin@unification.org, or your district BFD.

May God bless you.

Sincerely,

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