

843 Couples Engaged in in the Grand Ballroom of the World Mission Center in NY

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Father and Mrs. Kuboki confer on possible choices

On the evening of December 29, after just a few days' notice, candidates for the matching began gathering in the Grand Ballroom of the World Mission Center awaiting what would be the largest engagement ever in America. At 12:30 a.m. (now Tuesday morning) Father began the matching ceremony.

843 couples were engaged. This was by far the most international engagement. Some of the candidates were the spiritual children of the last 6 years of missionary work throughout the world. Through this, the Blessing could be shared and received by almost every country around the world. Throughout the 36 hours of matching, busloads of candidates kept arriving in the lobby of the World Mission Center; most of them were coming from other countries. The American Church will have the opportunity to be host to many new brides and grooms from abroad, thus enriching the already

international flavor of our Church. To give our readers a feeling for this, we've broken down these statistics for you:

- One hundred and forty Americans were matched to fellow Americans
- One hundred seventy-six to Europeans
- One hundred and eighteen to Orientals
- Sixty-two to Canadian, Australian and New Zealand members
- Twenty-nine to Latin Americans
- Eight to Africans and
- Five to members from the Middle East.

These members join the couples matched in 1979 to await a coming blessing.



Father matching