

FFWPU UK: Make The Most Of Marriage: Cultivating Fondness And Admiration

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Make The Most Of Marriage: "Cultivating Fondness And Admiration"

THEME: "Cultivating Fondness and Admiration"
- M. and M. Meijer

DATE and TIME: Friday 21st October - 19:30 GMT, 20:30 CEST

FOR: All Members

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About Our Speakers:

Maarten and Myra both joined the Unification Church in 1980. In 1982, they were part of the 2,075 couple Blessing at Madison Square Garden, in New York.

They have 4 children and are currently living in Korea where Maarten has been teaching English writing and world religions at Cheongshim International Academy, located next to the Original Palace in Chung Pyung, and Myra has been a part-time English teacher, as well as actively involved with supporting the second generation at the CheonBo Training Center workshops.



Besides being active as a Unification Church missionary and teacher, Maarten has published several books in a number of countries and languages.

These include most recently:

People Who Choose the Unification Church (2015, in Korean: 통일교를 선택한 사람들),
The Marriage Blessing - and the Principle for Lasting Love, Good Sex, and True Parenthood
(2020),
Smarter Than Covid (2021).

If you are new to MMM and have never registered before, please fill out the [online registration form](#) before 9pm BST on the day before the event, so that we know in which discussion group to put you.

Please be sure to add us to your contact list, to avoid missing our emails. Feel free to share this information with any blessed couple you think might be interested.

MMM News on WhatsApp:

Sometimes it is not so easy to find our emails and the Zoom link before an event, so we came up with the 4 if you are registered with us and want to receive future info on events including the Zoom link on your phone you can [join our WhatsApp Group](#). This group will only be used to share trailers, announcements and the Zoom link for our MMM events.

Discussion Groups:

After the talk we will split into discussion groups: the groups are made of 5-7 people, and we try our best to put together couples of similar circumstances.

MMM - Creating a thriving community of fulfilled blessed couples.

Life is busy and it can be hard to find time to connect with other couples in our international community.

Make the Most of Marriage is an EUME-BFD initiative that provides a regular online event which gives couples the opportunity to listen and share from the comfort of their sofa.

We host monthly Zoom calls with a 25-minute talk from a main speaker and breakout groups for discussion and sharing.

[MMM Facebook Page](#)

[MMM on EUME-BFD Website](#)

Maarten and Myra Meijer bio

Maarten Meijer was born in the Netherlands and joined the Unification Church in San Francisco, California, in 1980. Myra Meijer was born in New York City and also joined our church in 1980. In 1982, they were part of the 2,075 couple Blessing at Madison Square Garden, in New York. Maarten was church leader in the American states of Oregon and Montana. Myra worked for the *News World* newspaper in New York and the Christian Bernard jewelry company of our movement. She traveled throughout America as part of an IOWC witnessing team. Maarten attended the Unification Theological Seminary for three years. During that time, Myra worked as the secretary of the Vice-President of UTS. After he graduated with a Master of Divinity degree in 1991, Maarten volunteered to be a missionary in the Soviet-Union. Myra, daughter Renée, and son Bobi joined him Moscow in 1992.

Maarten was a lecturer at the mass-education seminars in Lithuania, Latvia, and the Crimea, and traveled to St. Petersburg, the Ural Mountains, Lake Baikal, and the Russian Far East to teach Principle and give teacher training workshops. He was the Moscow regional church leader. Myra supported him as mother figure, both at the workshops and in his work as pastor in the Moscow region. Myra and Maarten's third child, Vasya, was born in 1994 at a Moscow hospital. In 1996, Maarten enrolled in a doctoral program at the Russian Language Faculty of Moscow State University. After completing his dissertation on "The Family in the Works of Leo Tolstoy," he graduated with a PhD degree in 2000.

Also in 2000, the family moved to Korea. Maarten was an English lecturer at Seoul Women's University from 2002 to 2004. From 2006 until the present, he has been teaching English writing and world religions at Cheongshim International Academy, located next to the Original Palace in Cheongpyeong. Myra has been a part-time English teacher during her time in Korea. She also has been actively involved with supporting the second generation at the CheonBo Training Center workshops. Since 2016, she has been a matching supporter. In 2002, Myra and Maarten's fourth child, third son Liam, was born in Seoul-Itaewon.

Besides being active as a Unification Church missionary and teacher, Maarten has published several books in a number of countries and languages. These include: *Guus Hiddink Biography* (2002), *What's So Good about Korea, Maarten?* (2005), *The Korean Education Code* (2011), *Louis van Gaal – the Biography* (2014), *How to Create a Top Education* (2015, a comparison-contrast between Finnish and Korean education, co-authored with daughter Renée), *People Who Choose the Unification Church* (2015, in Korean: 통일교를 선택한 사람들),

The Marriage Blessing - and the Principle for Lasting Love, Good Sex, and True Parenthood (2020), Smarter Than Covid (2021).



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MMM Registration Form

Make the Most of Marriage is a EUME BFD initiative that aims to support all Blessed Couples through regular online events with a talk followed by a group discussion, always revolving around the topic of the marriage relationship.

Responses from this form will be used to create relevant events and discussion groups.



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