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## Blessing & Family Ministry Newsletter

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August 22, 2025

Hello family. Touchy topics webinar. Blessing webinar pause. 24+ In-person retreat. Conscious communication webinar. 1st gen info session. Pure water camp. HN Core program. Choose growth. Sunday service livestreams.

*what's new?*

### Touchy Topics Webinar

**NEW COUPLES**  
COUPLES BLESSED UNDER 5 YEARS

**POST BLESSING  
EDUCATION**



**BLESSING MINISTRY**  
FAMILY FEDERATION FOR WORLD PEACE AND UNIFICATION USA



**Sept 3**  
**9-11 PM EST**

**TOUCHY TOPICS**  
(TURNING TENSION)

INTO CONNECTION)

SPEAKERS:  
CRESCENTIA & LEIGHTON DEGOEDE



MORE INFORMATION

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[register here](#)

Blessing Webinar Are On Pause

ANNOUNCEMENT

**BLESSING WEBINARS  
ARE ON PAUSE**

( THE BFM TEAM IS BRAINSTORMING NEW WAYS TO SERVE YOU BETTER – IN THE MEANTIME, ENJOY EXTRA FAMILY TIME ON THURSDAY EVENINGS! )  
WE'LL BE BACK SOON – HERE'S HOW TO STAY UPDATED IN THE MEANTIME.

1. EVENTS PAGE  
Check the events page for the latest updates.



2. HJ BLESSING GUIDE DASHBOARD  
Announcements here.



3. SIGN UP FOR THE BFM NEWSLETTER



Thank you for your patience and support – we look forward to seeing you again soon!  
For questions contact:  
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 **BLESSING MINISTRY**  
Ministry of Blessing Ministry World Peace and Unification

PAUSE



events

24+ In-person Retreat Registration Extended!

Registration for the 24+ In-person retreat has reopened for a limited time. Do not delay, register today!

# 24+ In-Person Retreat Registration is OPEN!

## Trout Lodge - Potosi, MO

September 18-21, 2025

This year's retreat is being held at the [YMCA Trout Lodge](#).

Nestled in the heart of Missouri's scenic Ozarks, **YMCA Trout Lodge** is more than just a retreat center—it's a place where peace, purpose, and connection come to life. With lake views, cozy lodging, and endless outdoor activities, it's the perfect setting for reflection, growth, and unforgettable moments with new friends.



Registration fee covers lodging and dining.

Aside from the Retreat programming the park itself does offers a variety of different activities: Paddleboarding, Archery, Fishing, Hiking, Pontoon Tours, Climbing Tower, Birdwatching, Board Games, Bocce, Disc Golf, Horseshoes, Mini-Golf, Sand Volleyball, and more.

Rooms have 2 queen beds.

Meals are buffet style in the cafeteria beginning with Dinner on Thursday evening through breakfast on Sunday before checkout.

**Register here**



register here



# Building True Love: Conscious Communication for Couples

Welcome! This will be a six-session class with practice, starting either Sep 6 or Sep 8. You will have homework to practice the skills you learn. It will be by Zoom, so you don't have to be in the same location as your spouse. And if your spouse can't attend at all, it's okay. You'll still get something out of it to get your communication off to a good start.

# Building True Love

## Conscious Communication for Couples



**Starts on Sep 8th**  
with  
**Highmy Her**

**Registration here:**



**Topics That Will Transform the Way You Connect:**

- The difference between Real Love and Imitation Love
- Why we try to protect ourselves—and how to stop
- How to speak your truth in a relationship
- Choosing freedom: understanding choice and expectation
- Facing conflict with honesty (The Field of Death)
- Learning to name emotions so you can truly heal together

**register here**

1st Gen Info Session this Sunday for ages 50+

# 1<sup>st</sup> GEN INFO SESSIONS

SUPPORT / CONNECTION / GUIDANCE FOR SINGLES

## JOIN OUR MONTHLY ZOOM CALLS!

For the past four years, we have had Zoom meetings twice a month for our single 1st Generation members who seek the Marriage-Blessing of our True Parents. These meetings are there for the purpose of answering any and all questions that you might have about your application as well as the process to follow for a future Marriage-Blessing. Once a month education is also provided to help you prepare within your soul, mind, and heart.



## MEETING SCHEDULE

### Second Saturday of every month

- For individuals of all ages
- 7 PM Eastern Time

**Led by:**

Alice Fleisher, Erinah Ntamack,  
Anne-Marie Mylar

### 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of every month

- For individuals ages 50+
- 7 PM Eastern Time

**Led by:**

Erinah Ntamack  
Anne-Marie Mylar

**For registration:**

<https://forms.gle/dAHyqV3Exg96Nwpc8>

**For any questions:**

[matching@unification.org](mailto:matching@unification.org)



join here



# Pure Water Family Camp

Hey there! We're excited to invite you and your family to the Pure Water Family Camp in Maryland from August 30 to September 1. Everyone's welcome, and we can't wait to see you there!



**PURE WATER  
FAMILY CAMP**

**AUG 30- SEPT 1: CAMP PECOMETH, MD**

- Young Family Weekend Workshop
- Family Time & Team Time
- Sat. Aug 30- Monday, Sept. 1
- Camp Pecometh, Centreville, MD
- \$100/adult, \$50/child

**BUILDING A NEW CULTURE OF HEART- ONE FAMILY AT A TIME**



**PURE WATER FAMILY CAMP IN DC,  
LED BY KAELEIGH MOFFITT**

[register here](#)

## High Noon Core Program

Are you thinking about getting ready for marriage and the Blessing? Well, you're in the right place! Don't miss out—sign up now before it's too late!

CORE

Marriage Prep  
Program for  
Singles

NOW OPEN

[highnoon.org/join-core](https://highnoon.org/join-core)



[register here](#)

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*food for thought*

## Choose Growth



by Myrna Lapres

The definition of growth is becoming something bigger, better, or more. We grow physically and our families grow. Growth can involve developing one's capabilities, gaining new skills, learning how one fits into the world around one, and enhancing one's understanding of oneself. Through personal growth, we expand our capabilities, enrich our relationships, and create more meaningful careers and lives. We also grow spiritually and emotionally which involves cultivating qualities like self-awareness, compassion, and gratitude, and recognizing our interconnectedness with others, God, and the world. This journey often includes exploring personal beliefs, engaging in practices like prayer or meditation, and integrating spiritual values into daily life.



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# 24 CONNECT

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## Register for the Upcoming 24+ Singles Retreat



September 18–21, 2025 | Trout Lodge YMCA of the Ozarks | Potosi, MO.

Join us for **4 days / 3 nights** of fresh air and connection with other single Unificationist young adults (ages 24–39) from across the country. Whether you're coming to make new friends, try your hand at the lake life, or maybe meet someone special—we're super excited, and we hope you are too.

For complete information and details please check out our website. [Click Here](#)

### Room and Transportation

Select Your Room: \*

- ☐ Male Double (2)Occupancy Room (\$460.00)  
Private Bath, 2 Queen Beds
- ☐ Male Triple (3) Occupancy Room (\$360.00)  
Private Bath, 2 Queen Beds
- ☐ Female Double (2) Occupancy Room (\$460.00)  
Private Bath, 2 Queen Beds
- ☐ Female Triple (3) Occupancy Room (\$360.00)  
Private Bath, 2 Queen Beds

Transportation \*

- ☐ Arrange my own transportation (\$0.00)  
We'll make a group page where you can connect with other participants to organize carpools or car rentals.
- ☐ Have the staff arrange transportation to/from St. Louis Airport (STL) (\$50.00)  
(There may be some waiting at the airport depending on the shuttle up to 3 hours)

# Discount Code

Discount Code

APPLY

# Personal Information

Name \*

First Name

Last Name

Phonetic Pronunciation:

for example Susan = "Soo - zen"

Email \*

Email Address

Phone Number \*

Gender \*

☐ Male

☐ Female

Address \*

United States of America

Street Address

City

State

ZIP Code

Date of Birth \*

Month

Day

Year

Age should be between 24 and 39 as of January 23rd, 2025

Emergency Contact \*

Emergency Contact Phone Number \*

What generation do you belong to? \*

☐ 2nd Gen

☐ Jacob's Gen

☐ 1st Gen

Is this your first time attending an in-person 24+ Connect Retreat? \*

☐ Yes

☐ No

This event is open to international participants, however fluency in English is a requirement.

☐ I confirm that I am fluent in English. \*

# Relationship Information

Retreats are open to anyone *not* currently in a relationship or matching conversation.

☐ I confirm that I am not currently in a relationship or matching conversation. \*



Participants come to these retreats from all walks of life including some who have been previously Blessed or were in committed relationships.

Have you been previously Blessed and/or married? \*

☐

Yes

☐

No

Do you have children? \*

☐

Yes

☐

No

## "A Bit About Me" for the Yearbook

Every retreat, we create a "Yearbook" containing your picture and a short bio. **These responses will be shared with all the other participants in a booklet**, so take some time to craft responses that reflect your personality and what you'd like others to know about you. The placeholders are just suggestions for anyone feeling stuck - feel free to answer the questions however you like!

How would the people who know you describe you? \*

What are you up to in life right now? (Career, occupation, studies, etc.) \*

What are your long-term career and/or life goals? \*

Share about your career/occupational goals, what you hope to accomplish personally and professionally

Share a bit about your family background. \*

What is your spiritual/religious worldview? \*

What do you believe in? Are you a practicing/not practicing Unificationist? Where do you stand on faith and religion? How has this unfolded or evolved in your life?

Why did you decide to participate? What do you hope to gain? \*

Where are you at in terms of the Blessing? What are you looking for? \*

No judgement! Retreats are open to practicing and non-practicing Unificationists, this question helps others get a feel for where you stand and what your feelings are.

What are some of your hobbies/interests? \*

Talk to me about... \*

Please upload a SQUARE HEAD SHOT. Don't worry, you can always email us a different photo later if you'd like! \*

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Thanks! That's it for the publicly-shared responses. Your answers to the following questions will only be visible to the 24+ team.

## Help Us Help You

Everyone seeks support in their own way. During the retreat we will have several small group discussions, testimonies, and breakout sessions. We want these times to be helpful and relevant. What are some topics you are interested in hearing about and/or discussing?

Group Discussion Topics

Testimony Topics

## Terms & Conditions

### Photo & Video Usage

We love capturing the spirit of our events and may use photos or videos taken during the program for marketing and promotional purposes (like on our website or social media).

### Code of Conduct

**Just so we're all on the same page, please acknowledge and agree to the following Code of Conduct:**

- Approach conversations and connections with maturity - Be kind, inclusive, and respectful
- This is a substance-free event: no alcohol or drugs
- Respect shared spaces (quiet hours, cleanliness, roommate privacy)
- Relationships take time - Refrain from exclusive relationships until after the event.

**Thanks for helping make this a safe, welcoming, and enjoyable space for everyone!**

### Cancellation Policy

Registration can be cancelled for a full refund 60 days before the event and a 50% refund 30 days before the event. Cancellations less than 30 days of the retreat are not eligible for a refund.

☐ I have read and agree to the Terms and Conditions.\*

### Faces of 24+ Instagram

Faces of 24+ is a PRIVATE instagram page for anyone who has registered for a retreat, whether virtual or online, and wants to showcase their profile beyond this event to past and future participants. Check out the Google Form.

[Faces of 24+ Instagram](#)

# Donate!

We want to make these events open to as many people as possible, and we hope finances will never prevent someone from attending. If you'd like to make an additional donation to support our scholarship fund, you can select one of the options below. Any amount helps!

Donation amount

☐ \$10

☐ \$20

☐ \$30

☐ Other Amount

Total

\$0.00

## Billing Information

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☐ Use a previously saved card


Credit Card \*

Card Number

VISA







Month

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☐ Save this card for future use ?

Address \*

United States of America

▼

Street Address

City

State

▼

ZIP Code

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Event Registration Software by RegFox.



# New Couples Communication Class

Welcome. This will be a six session class with practice, starting Sep 8 at 7pm. You will have homework to practice the skills you learn. I know it's hard to meet every week, but this way we'll be done before any students' work loads get heavy. We'll do this by zoom so you don't have to be in the same location as your spouse. And if your spouse can't attend at all it's okay. You'll still get something out of it to get your communication off to a good start.

If you're spouse is attending with you physically you don't need to provide a second email.

Please keep an eye on your email for the zoom link.

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Name

Your answer



email

Your answer

phone number--for class reminder text since some people miss emails

Your answer

Spouse Name

Your answer

Spouse email

Your answer

Blessing Year

Your answer

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## Pure Water Family Camp Registration from Sat. Aug 30 to Mon. Sept 1 (Labor Day Weekend)

We are excited to launch the **Pure Water Family Camp**—a quarterly weekend program designed for families to experience spiritual growth together. Inspired by the legacy of Camp Shehaqua and aligned with True Mother's heart to raise children as "pure water" for the world, this camp brings parents and children into shared spiritual experiences while also offering age-specific tracks.

### Program Highlights:

- Each family must have at least one parent attend with their child(ren).
- Adults will serve in a staff role based on interest and skills.

The program is primarily geared toward families with children in **elementary and middle school**, though all are welcome.

- Children younger than elementary age may attend and will have simple programming.
  - Youth in high school are encouraged to join as junior staff—supporting as assistant team leaders, kitchen helpers, or activity coordinators.
- Activities will be a mix of **age-specific** sessions and **family-centered** experiences.

### Dormitory-style lodging:

- Men and boys will sleep in one dormitory, women and girls in another.
- Families with mixed-gender children will need to coordinate with others for shared care arrangements.
- If a family would like to stay together and not be separated by gender in the dormitories there are rustic cabins available (with no electricity). If you would like one of these cabins please email: [kaeljune@gmail.com](mailto:kaeljune@gmail.com)

### Details:

- Date:** Saturday, August 30 to Monday Sept 1 (Labor Day Weekend)
- Location:** Camp Pecometh, Centreville, Maryland
- Open to:** Families from the DMV area and surrounding communities
- Cost:** \$100 per adult | \$50 per child

Will your spouse participate in this workshop?\*

- ☐ Yes (\$200.00)  
Price per individual is \$100
- ☐ No (\$100.00)  
Price per individual is \$100

Parent Name\*

First Name



Last Name

Parent's Date of Birth\*

Month



Day



Year



Parents Email\*

Email Address

Parents Phone Number\*

- ☒ Yes, it's okay to send me text messages including confirmations, changes, and updates. Message frequency varies. Message and data rates may apply. Reply STOP to cancel. [View our terms of service & privacy policy.](#)

Local Church community\*

All adults are required to support the camp in some staff role.  
Please list areas you would like to contribute to (education, team leading, music, kitchen staff, activities, clean up, A/V etc.)\*

Parent's T-Shirt Size\*

(Choose One)

Dietary Restrictions , Allergies & Health Concerns (if none, please write "None" or "N/A")

How many children will participate in this workshop?\*

- ☐ 1 Child (\$50.00)  
Registration fee for each child is \$50
- ☐ 2 Children (\$100.00)  
Registration fee for each child is \$50
- ☐ 3 Children (\$150.00)  
Registration fee for each child is \$50
- ☐ 4 Children (\$200.00)  
Registration fee for each child is \$50

Liability Waiver\*

By participating in the Pure Water Family Camp, I acknowledge that FFWPU is not responsible for any injury, illness, loss, or damage that may occur during the event. I understand that I am responsible for myself and my child(ren) and agree to participate at our own risk. I release FFWPU, its staff, volunteers, and affiliates from any liability arising from our participation.

I, the undersigned, agree to the terms above.

Other Comments

Total

\$0.00

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