

FFWPU USA Blessing and Family Ministry: Build A Deeper Connection With Your Child After the Blessing

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Hello family. Building a deeper connection. Blessing featured couple. Young couples retreat. North America Japan Networking event. HN sisters webinar. Food for thought.

what's new?

Building A Deeper Connection With Your Child After the Blessing

Zoom Webinar:

Building a Deeper Connection with your Child after the Blessing

June 4 @ 9 pm EST



The Marriage Blessing offers a path to build a world of stronger marriages and healthier families. Restoration and living for the sake of others takes on a whole new level when we bring together two families. When your adult child is blessed with another, it is a wonderful opportunity to move to a new level of heart. Join Myrna Lapres, West Region BFM Coordinator and Family and Relationship Coach and Educator, on Thursday, June 4, 6 pm PST/9 pm EST to better understand how to best support your newly blessed son or daughter in building a deeper connection and relationship.

[register here](#)

On the Path to Forever: 2026 Blessing Couple

**FEATURED
2026 COUPLE**



Testimony from
Annaelle Mafuku & David Kasilembo

We are excited to feature one of our newly Blessed couples from the 2026 Blessing. Their journey reflects faith, intentional preparation, and a shared commitment to building a God-centered marriage. As they begin t, let their story inspire all of us—especially those still on the journey—to trust the process and invest deeply in relationships rooted in purpose. Please keep this newly blessed couple in your prayers.

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events

**Thriving: A Young Blessed Couple Retreat-
Hosted by the Midwest- LAST WEEK TO
REGISTER
Deadline May 22!**

SAVE THE DATE!

JUNE 5 - 7, 2026

Location: Watervliet, MI

**REGISTER
BY MAY 22!**

REGISTRATION
DEADLINE: MAY 22ND 2026



FEE: \$180 PER PERSON
\$160 per person (for Newly Blessed couples)

THRIVING IN A BLESSED **A YOUNG COUPLES** MARRIAGE **RETREAT**

Renew your love, deepen your intimacy, and envision the next steps for your Blessing through marriage guidance, fun activities, testimonies and more!

Join us this summer for our first Midwest Young Couples Retreat - "Thriving" in a Blessed Marriage!

Renew your love, deepen your intimacy, and envision the next steps for your Blessing through marriage guidance, testimonies, fun activities and more! This is a weekend designed to enrich your marriage. Learn from marriage therapists/ coaches about healthy communication and conflict resolution, heavenly intimacy, finances, parenting and more! Along with practical approaches to help you thrive in your marriage.

Topics will include:

- How to resolve conflict in a healthy way
- Managing expectations in marriage
- Heavenly intimacy and sexuality
- Managing finances
- Activities including Date night, vision board building, and breakouts of various topics.

Featured Speakers: Debby Gullery and John & Sandra Lowen

Who: Young Blessed couples and families

When: June 5 -7, 2026

Where: Camp KOHOE

9327 Red Arrow Hwy, Watervliet, MI 49098

Lodging: Each couple/ family will have their own room. Those recently Blessed in May 2026 will be separated by gender.

Transportation: We will not provide transportation, please make your own accommodations.

Retreat Fee:

- \$180 per person
- \$160 per person (Newly Blessed Couples will be separated by gender)

This covers meals, accommodations, the carefully crafted program for your couple, and the beautiful Camp KOHOE experience!

Register Here:

DEADLINE: Friday May 22nd

register here

North America–Japan Online Singles Networking Event (3rd Round)- Date Change to June 26 9 PM EDT

NEW!

3rd North America- Japan Online Networking Event

~~May 22nd, 2026~~ → **Date changed to June 26th**
9pm to 12 am(EDT) / 6pm to 9pm(PDT)

This online networking is for the second gen who are between 22 to 39 years old. This is a great opportunity to get to know brothers and sisters who are looking for their eternal soul-mate from Japan & North America!

- **Small group discussion**
- **1 on 1 conversation**

More information or
Register: [Link](#)

New Date! The North American- Japanese Online Singles Networking event has moved to **June 26**. We are sorry for any inconvenience this has caused. We appreciate your flexibility and hope you can still join us for this meaningful opportunity to connect with single second-generation brothers and sisters who are sincerely preparing for the Blessing. More than just a social event, this is a space to build genuine and meaningful connections across cultures with others who are serious about their future and faith.

Real results: Previous events have already led to successful matches, with couples even getting blessed at this year's Blessing!

Why join?

If you are open to an international Blessing or simply want to meet like-minded people with a serious heart toward the Blessing, this is a valuable next step.

Date: Friday, May 22

Time: 9:00 PM – 12:00 AM (EDT) / 6:00 PM – 9:00 PM (PDT)

[learn more](#)

[register here](#)

High Noon Sisters Webinar



How Romantic Fantasy Hurts Your Future Blessing

SISTERS WEBINAR

Just for sisters who want the Blessing someday!

This webinar will be an honest conversation about romantic fantasy, emotional intimacy, and preparing your heart for love.

- Why fantasy weakens real connection
- How expectations shape intimacy
- Preparing your heart for the Blessing
- Building deeper emotional intimacy
- Moving from fantasy to maturity

THU, MAY 28
6PM (EST)



Presented by
High Noon



For sisters who hope to receive the Blessing, this webinar explores how romantic fantasy and emotional expectations can quietly affect real relationships and your

future marriage. Join us for an honest conversation about preparing your heart for deeper, healthier love.

[register here](#)

food for thought

How Can I Be Happy When There Is So Much Wrong In The World?



by Myrna Lapres

A man once asked an old Buddhist monk:

“How can I allow myself to feel peace or happiness when the world is full of suffering, injustice, pain, and chaos?”

The monk looked at him quietly and asked: “If your house was dark...would you refuse to light a candle because the whole world is not yet bright?”

The man stood silent.

The monk continued: “The suffering of the world is real. But if you destroy your own peace completely, you only create one more exhausted and hopeless human being.”

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