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# Blessing & Family Ministry Newsletter

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Hello family. Featured Blessing Couple. Blessing Journey. Tell your story.

## what's new?

### On the Path to Forever: 2026 Blessing Couple

FEATURED  
2026 COUPLE



Testimony from  
Tamae Seto & Leo Paghubasan

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.

[read testimony](#)

## Join Us for the Blessing Journey



**JOIN NOW >**

 **North America**  
**BLESSING JOURNEY**

**YOU WILL BE ABLE TO:**

- Step-by-step guidance for your journey towards the Blessing
- Clear forms and timelines
- Embedded required education
- Selection of Matching Supporter and Blessing Interviewer



The Blessing Journey is a comprehensive digital platform designed to guide individuals and couples of North America through every stage of preparation for the Holy Marriage Blessing.

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*food for thought*

## Tell Your Story



by Myrna Lapres

Did you know that children who are aware of their family history--where their parents and grandparents grew up, how they overcame difficulties, what their hopes and dreams were as a child or teenager, where certain family traditions came from, how their parents and grandparents met, what their first car or house was like--are emotionally healthier and happier? Dr. Marshall Duke and Dr. Robyn Fivush developed the “Do You Know...?” scale, sometimes called “The 20 Questions,” that tap into different kinds of family stories. The questions were designed as a starting point for sharing family stories and the result was that knowing about one's family history gave rootedness in something bigger than themselves. The process of parents and grandparents sharing stories about their lives provides bedrock upon which to build our own future. The links at the bottom of this blog give more details about the research.

[read more](#)

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# Testimony from Tamae Seto & Leo Paghubasan

Dear True Mother,

Our journey started way before we met with many challenges, finding our faith, doing conditions and finding ourselves, which eventually led to one another.

From my perspective (Tamae) going to a 40 day workshop in CheongPyeong was a catalyst in my healing journey in being able to connect to what felt like the truest version of myself, while also becoming aware of suppressed and condemning feelings. This had sparked a determination to become the loving, sincere and capable person that Heavenly parents wanted me to be, by addressing my internal limitations.

From my perspective (Leo) going to Ocean Challenge in Kodiak was a large factor to continue in my own discovery and growth journey, which helped solidify my faith on a more personal level. There were many other factors that led to a lot of my own growth and allowed me to stand where I am today. These include different programs through High Noon, coaching and my own individual prayer life.

We both felt a calling to help staff for the National Ocean Challenge Program the summer of 2025 as it had been a major part of both of our lives. Leo as the head chef and Tamae the hiking coordinator.

During the program, while everyone was out playing soccer, Tamae ended up injuring her knee and unfortunately was not able to continue guiding hikes. It was at this time when we started to connect more as friends and support each other. At the end of the program, Tamae felt a greater sense of curiosity, and a strong pull to connect on a deeper level. This prompted her to reach out and start working with a coach to address her internal limitations. Leo had recently ended a process and so spent time reflecting and setting conditions to digest and renew himself.

After a couple months we officially started a process, and found that we could easily talk for four hours over Zoom without feeling too drained. As we continued to communicate, many fears and insecurities kept coming up, that we had to honestly work through and express. These times allowed us to experience grace, acceptance, and allow us to receive each other for who we are. Having shared conditions together allowed us to connect on a deeper level and invite

allowed us to connect on a deeper level and invite Heavenly Parent and True Parents into our process. It was actually towards the end of each condition where many obstacles came up that we had to face and overcome.

Our ability to face challenges and overcome obstacles eventually led us to commit to the Blessing. We found that the theme of trust and surrender really helped guide our process in trusting ourselves, trusting each other, trusting God and surrendering to the process and what is to come.

We are so excited to attend the Blessing in Korea, among so many Blessed couples, other families and our own parents. It has been truly amazing to receive the support of both our communities, and all the different resources from BFM. We are so excited to grow, learn, laugh, adventure and snack together!

Aju!



## Testimony from Ayaka Oriksa & Jakob Bratkovic >

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● Formerly the HJ Blessing Guide, now a unified platform for candidates, families, and pastors.

# Register Now!

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Already Registered? [Log In here](#)



## Choose the right Registration for you:

### Blessing Applicants:

Are you looking to receive the Marriage Blessing one day? Register based on your legal relationship status.



**Singles**  
Legally Single Members



**Married Couples**  
Legally Married Members



### Supporter Roles:

Are you a Blessed Couple looking to Support the Blessing Journey? Please register based on the role you are looking for. Add more roles later.



**Parents**



**Pastors & Local Team**



**Matching Supporter**



**Blessing Interviewer**



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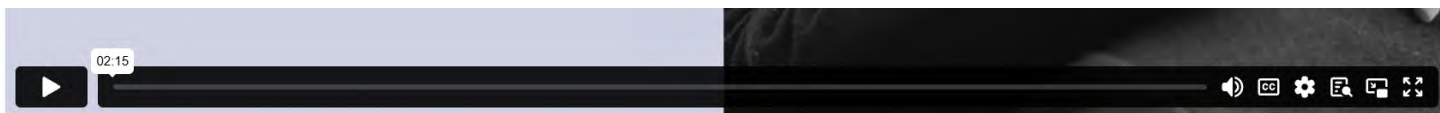
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## What is the Blessing Journey?

It integrates education, mentorship, pastoral care, and application steps into one unified experience—ensuring clarity, accountability, and support throughout the process.



This platform serves as a central hub for:

- - Aspiring Blessing candidates
- ◆ - Parents and families
- ◆ - Pastors
- ◆ - Matching supporters
- ◆ - Blessing interviewers

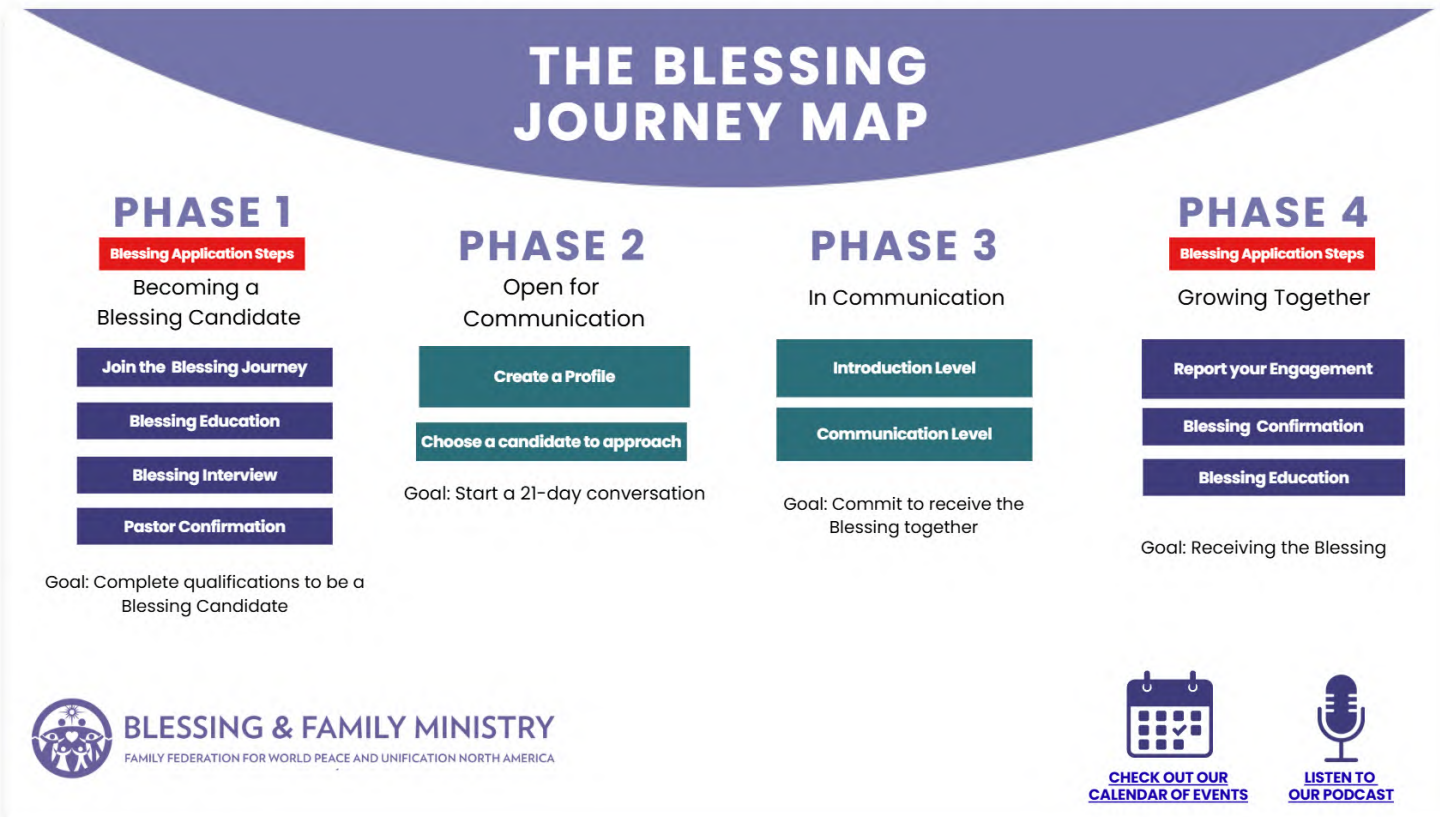
### Core Features:

- Step-by-step guidance across the full process
- Clear requirements, forms, and timelines
- Embedded required education
- Paperless system for efficiency and record-sharing
- Improved communication with your Blessing care team
- Tools for volunteer training, management, and oversight

## What's New?

- ★☛ Simplified progression
- ★☛ User-friendly dashboards for all roles
- ★☛ Mobile-friendly experience
- ★☛ Integrated communication guidance
- ★☛ Updated forms and clearer process
- ★☛ Alignment with North American pastoral structure

## The Blessing Journey Map for Single Candidate



## The Blessing Journey Map

## Start your Journey today

Registration for Singles

