

## Sanctuary Blessed Life: May Newsletter

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Dear Parents & Candidates:

God's love is all around in this beautiful spring time. It is a fresh new start for everything and everyone. I love this time of the year.

True Father's words about the Matching: "When I am matching people one after another, I try not to look at the contours of a person's face if possible. I rather look at two persons for a while, and check what kind of feeling comes. It is as if there is a measuring device for minds and I compare the two without delay. If when I look at the two instantly and without self-awareness, I feel as if they are becoming one, then this is precisely a match made in heaven, a perfect match."

1) It is very important to be honest about your situation, so at the most recent one day matching

workshop we talked about why it is good to confess (to yourself, to your parents, & to your partner). Check out Jamal Johnson's talk on our website by clicking [here](#). You can also look at the Matching Interview form, found under Matching Education by clicking [here](#), and use that for confession.

2) Be respectful, talk to one person at the time, and when you start talking seriously with another candidate, hide your profile.

3) Persevere prayerfully and keep refreshing yourself with God's words.

I would like to introduce a group of wonderful people who really care and want to help you if you need help with the Matching and have questions.

Matching Advocates:

Allan & Misami Feldsott (South Carolina, USA)

Daisy Joy Elizabeth Kuroha (Chicago, USA)

Jane Kolobova (Russia)

Helen Ndu (Philippines & New York, USA)

Loli Pique (Spain)

Jamal Johnson (Pennsylvania, USA)

Summer camp will be at Camp Daddy Allen, located at Hickory State Park, Pennsylvania, from June 26th until July 3rd. It will be a great reunion for family and friends, with God in the center; a small Kingdom of Heaven. There is a family discount, so sign up before May 15th for the cheapest price by visiting the informational page [here](#).

May God bless you and guide you with lots of love:

Dorit Smith

**MATCHING CANDIDATE INTERVIEW, CONFESSION AND DISCLOSURE**

Applicant Name (last, first) \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

This Interview, Confession and Disclosure is designed to help you leave your past completely behind you, receive the forgiveness and grace of God and True Parents and enter the Blessing with a renewed and pure heart. Your Blessing is a serious commitment and a new beginning, and should have no secrets. A mutually trusting relationship is a solid foundation for the Blessing. The content of your confession will remain confidential with your parents or a chosen advokat. Full disclosure of past problems is helpful for your personal renewal and to assure the best possible condition for a good marriage. Answer the following questions honestly and in detail.

**For more space use the back of this page and attach extra pages.**

**1. Blessing:**

A. Explain what you feel is the meaning and value of the Blessing, and why you feel ready to make an eternal commitment to your future partner:

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**2. Sexual Issues:**

A. Did you ever engage in sexual intercourse outside of marriage? ----- No Yes

If "Yes" explain fully, including how often, with whom and when was the last time.

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Date of last time \_\_\_\_\_

B. Did you ever engage in any other sexual activity? (kissing with sexual intentions, sexual touching, oral sex, homosexuality, masturbation, pornography, engaging in phone sex or cyber porn, nudity with sexual intent, etc., ----- No Yes

If "Yes", explain each one fully, including how often, with whom and when was the last time.

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\_\_\_\_\_

Date of last time \_\_\_\_\_

**3. Relationship Issues:** Did you ever use verbal abuse or physical violence against others, e.g.: hitting, bullying, gang activity, domestic violence, anger issues, etc.? Did you hurt others' hearts? (Character assassination, gossip or cyber-gossip, cheating, bullying, lying, petty theft, etc.)? ----- No Yes

Applicant Name (last, first) \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

If "Yes" explain fully, including how often, with whom and when was the last time.

\_\_\_\_\_ Date of last time \_\_\_\_\_

**4. Criminal Activity:**

Did you ever commit a crime? (misdemeanor or felony) or engage in illegal activity?

----- No Yes

Have you ever misused public funds? ----- No Yes

Please describe the legal and personal consequences.

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Date of last offense \_\_\_\_\_

**5. Compulsive Behaviors or Addictions**

Did you ever or are you now engaged in pornography, cyber porn, alcohol, drugs, tobacco, gambling or violence? -----  
----- No Yes

If "yes" explain each fully, including how often, during what time frame and when was the last time.

\_\_\_\_\_ Date of last time \_\_\_\_\_

Is this a habit? If so, what are you doing to overcome it? \_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_

*Receiving the Blessing does not make compulsive behaviors disappear.  
These habits should be addressed before going to the Blessing.*

**6. Health Concerns**

Do you have any physical or psychological challenges that should be reported before matching? Do you have any indication you would have a fertility problem? Have you ever had counseling or long-term medication? Does any family member have a history of a hereditary condition [mental or physical] No Yes

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**"This is my full confession and explanation to the best of my knowledge:"**

Applicant's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

# Matching Report

Date:

1. We believe in True Father as the Messiah and recognize Hyung Jin Nim and Yeonah Nim as the 2<sup>nd</sup> King and Queen of Cheon Il Guk.

Recommendations:

2. We are committed to realize the ideal of the family.
3. We have attended Blessing Workshop, or studied online.
4. We attend Worship Service online or in person and we tithe.
5. We have studied Exposition of Divine Principle and Bible.
6. We have or will do a 7day fast or 21 day 1 meal fast before Blessing.
7. We have talked honestly about sexual purity and physical health issues.

Candidate's Name		Candidate's Name	
Birthday		Birthday	
Father		Father	
Mother		Mother	
Address		Address	
Phone		Phone	
Email		Email	
Signed by Candidate		Signed by Candidate	
Signed by Father (if under 18)		Signed by Father. ( If under 18)	
Signed by Mother (if under 18)		Signed by Mother ( if under 18)	

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## 2<sup>nd</sup>.Family Matching Plan Worksheet

It is recommended that the parents and the **candidate** each fill out this worksheet separately, and then work together to create a single, unified plan. . An effective planning process depends upon honest and open communication between the candidate, their parents, and any advisor supporting this matching plan.

1. Who will be a part of your matching team? What role will they each play? When and how will they be involved? (Below is a list of possible team members you may want to consider. Each person you choose to help in your process should be personally invited to help and given the parameters of their responsibility)

- Candidate:
- Parents:
- Family member(s):
- Support committee:
  
- Advocate

2. What process will you use when you enter the matching discussions with another family? It is important that your family is in agreement how they want to proceed, and that any family you work with also agrees on the process to avoid miscommunication and misunderstanding.

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Some other plan you agree upon:

3. Before you begin looking for the “right person,” it is important to consider your own life goals, core values and the type of marriage you envision. We encourage each candidate to reflect upon and answer the following 6 questions to the best of your ability. Discuss these with your parents, and any members of your support team who can help you look at these more deeply.

- A. What kind of life are you planning for? Do you plan to remain a private person? Will you be active in your church or community? Are you passionate about particular hobbies or leisure activities? What will be your work-life balance? Do you plan to travel and be mobile in your younger years? How might your school plans affect your marriage and family plans? When would you anticipate settling down & having children? How important is having children to you? Just 1 or 2 kids, or will having and raising a family be your focus? How do you envision disciplining your children? How much of your money belongs to God.
- B. What kind of marriage relationship fits into the life you anticipated above? Is it private? Public? Spiritually-based? Religious? Strongly Two professionals? Two career-focused people or one home & family-focused? Of course these may be flexible based upon the person you meet and commit to, but consider what your preferences might be.

- C. What qualities are most important in the person who will help you create the relationship you described above? Is he/she religious? More, less or the same amount as you are? Someone who shares your basic values? Is he/she outgoing, verbal and expressive? Is he/she a quiet, supportive type of person? Is he/she strong, disciplined and accomplished? Is he/she career-oriented or more relationship/family-centered? What kind of family does he/she come from? What 3 character traits do you believe would inspire you the most in a spouse?
  
- D. Who are you? What are the most important core values by which you will live your life? What character strengths do you bring to a relationship? What areas of yourself do you think need improvement, that may need your partner's understanding and support. What is important for your partner to understand about you?
  
- E. Do you have any dealbreakers or absolute requirements? Consider what past relationship experience you are comfortable with in a partner, and any preferences concerning language, location, race, nationality, faith, physical appearance, or any challenges or complications you are comfortable with and open to in a partner.
  
- F. If you had a previous matching effort or Blessing experience, what lessons did you learn that can help you adjust and approach things more effectively this time?
  
- 4. Are there important questions that you need or want to know about any potential match from the very beginning? (Parents and the candidate can each make a list, compare and agree on them- You can refer to Appendix 2 in the Family Matching Handbook for ideas.)

5. How will we find potential candidates?

Suggestions from the candidate

Suggestions from parents

Matchbook ( look if they go to Sanctuary Church)

International Website for BC Matching ( look if they go to Sanctuary Church)

Suggestions from family and friends

Blessing workshops, DP workshops, Service Projects, other church activities

6. Once there is a suggested candidate, what do we do?

- Who does a suggestion go to first?
- How do we investigate or screen a suggested candidate?
  - Parent and/or support committee check, using their contacts and resources
  - Consult your list of important questions and deal breakers
- What do you want your parents or others **NOT** to do? ["Don't hand me a bunch of pictures and ask my opinion;" "don't approach a candidate's parents without talking to me first;" etc.]:

7. When and how does the candidate become involved?

- ⇒ The candidate's input can be sought at any point with anonymous questions for clarification.
- ⇒ We suggest timing be carefully considered. (Never introduce a suggestion during finals!), and that the process not be rushed. Waiting a little longer for the right time and clarity is always better.
- ⇒ We suggest focusing on the internal first; give profile information first, then family information and pictures very last.

Does the candidate want to wait until the parents consider and can fully recommend another candidate to them before they become directly involved?

Does the candidate want to be consulted about a potential match after the parents' initial screening but before they contact or talk extensively with the other candidate's parents?

Does the candidate want to look at a number of profiles and put them in order of preference?

Does the candidate want a more active role, or have a specific person to suggest or request?

Or is there some other agreed upon plan?

8. When does a suggested candidate become a recommendation? When and how do the two candidates begin communicating with each other? We strongly suggest that:

- ⇒ Both young people become qualified candidates before communication begins. Criteria
- ⇒ 1. (They attend matching preparation at a workshop, Small Group or studying online.
- ⇒ 2. Believe in True Father as Messiah and recognize Hyung Jin Nim as the Second King of Cheon IL Guk.
- ⇒ 3. Committed to realizing the ideal of true families
- ⇒ 4. Attend worship service on line or in person.
- ⇒ 5. Tithing to Sanctuary Church.
- ⇒ 6. Purity Standard kept. Ideal 2<sup>nd</sup> gen with 2<sup>nd</sup> gen. 2<sup>nd</sup> gen with 1<sup>st</sup> gen is possible but they will have to do 3 day ceremony and both will be first gen. If 2<sup>nd</sup> gen fall the also need to do 3dah ceremony and will become 1<sup>st</sup> gen.
- ⇒ 7. Do 7day fast now or later together. Or do a 21 day 1meal fast of the evening meal.( be careful how you break your fast.
- ⇒ Parents continue to communicate regularly with each other and with their son or daughter throughout the candidate communication phase, to monitor that the process is proceeding well.

9. **Meeting in person:** In the planning stage you may not have an idea of who the other is or where they live. It is good to have a general idea of how soon in your communication process you want to meet in person. We recommend the first meeting be well-planned, so it is not too long or intense: perhaps for 2-3 days at most; perhaps with support. Even long distance first visits should not be too long.

10. **Communication and reporting:** It is important that the candidate and parents continue to communicate throughout the process. Choose a time, interval and method of communication that works for you.

**It is important that each candidate's family openly share the process they have decided upon with the other, and agree on how to handle any differences in their process and plans. This will promote clear communication and avoid misunderstandings.**

**If the matching process between two candidates comes to an end, the reasons should be clearly communicated so that both candidates and their families can have closure, learn important lessons for how to improve their plan and be better prepared for the next opportunity.**



Question for Matching / Blessing discussions.

1<sup>st</sup> Evening.

1. Interview another celebrity Family for 5min and they interview your family for 5min and then you have to introduce that family to everyone. (Family adoption for single candidates).
  
2. Discussion after PowerPoint and ABS sex DVD by Rev. Hyung Jin Nim.
  - A. Woman: I can accept this ..... but not this..... in a man
  
  - B. Man: From a scale 1-10. How much do you need your wife to respect you? If you are not respected name 3 things, that you might do
  
  - C. Parents: Since it is Heavenly Culture that Blessing came from the Parents. What stake do your parents have on that outcome?
  
  - D. Are your descendants present now?

2<sup>nd</sup> Day.

3. Discussion about fighting from a point of Victory.

A: What does it mean to be married in Victory?

B: Compare Servant minded Marriage with Merit based Marriage.

4. Discussion about the importance of Lineage.

A: Why should BC's who do not have to do 3day ceremony study it?

B: What do we do about a world that may feel jealous that your parents had a 3day ceremony and was able to pass God's Lineage on to you?

# **Principles of Matching**

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## **Introduction**

### **Maybe we can help you.**

This booklet is to assist you in getting started in the process of matching your children.

We had five children and all of them had arranged marriages and the Blessing from True Parents in the Divine Principle tradition. Each of our children is very unique. We believe that God worked in each of those matching cases, but each one was as unique as the child or more so. From our experience we can practically guarantee you that there is no simple, magic formula for your children. We do not even recommend bothering on trying to find one.

That is why this booklet is going to focus on sharing some Principles of Matching. We believe that by understanding the principles of the process, you will be much more likely to be successful and less likely to get discouraged or hurt in the process.

We will be sharing some of the special insights and inspirations that we have gained in the processes that we have gone through. Feel free to jump around when you are reading this booklet. The information does not have to be read sequentially since you probably are already familiar with the Divine Principle which is the basis for most of what we will be sharing.

In addition to our experiences with our own children, we have been involved with helping other families matching their children. We have been actively involved with organizing programs for matching and as individual matching advisors for over 10 years.

Also back in 2001 when True Father (Rev. Sun Myung Moon) inherited the matching responsibility to parents, I (Jim) developed a website to assist families. That resulted in about 23 couples being formed.

### **Having a baby is easier.**

We have found that there are a lot of analogies between giving birth and arranging a marriage. One time I (Jim) had a spiritual experience that when a man and a woman come together in marriage that in God's eyes it is like the sperm meeting up with the egg. United together, they will create a whole new being which is their relationship and family.

As was mentioned, each of our children is totally unique. However, we really have to testify that the marriages they have are vastly even more unique and different from their siblings' marriages. As they say, the whole is greater than the sum of the parts. Clearly God's design for marriage is that He can accomplish so much, much more through a couple than an individual.

### **Very likely, matching won't be easy.**

Are you looking for the easy way? We don't recommend it. We experienced this as the hardest thing, heartistically, that we have ever done. You might want to prepare for the hardest thing you will ever have to do.

Giving birth to a baby has a due date in nine months. It's coming whether you like it or not, whether you are ready or not. Arranging a marriage has no due date. And likely it won't happen unless you are ready.

In the case of one of our children, it took 14 years. Seriously, we went through some of the lowest lows and highest highs we have ever been through. Our children's lives and their happiness is more important to us than our own. If they suffer, we experience great pain too.

### **Giving birth involves pain.**

Having a baby for almost every woman involves pain. But you know the pain will end in a relatively short time and then be replaced by joy. Physical pain will usually be forgotten. Matching has no such

guarantees and it's a different kind of pain, pain of the heart. Matches that are successful bring great joy. Sometimes disasters happen and you have a whole different set of experiences to deal with and pieces to pick up.

If men had to endure the pain of childbirth, there would probably be way less children in the world, if we didn't die out as a species. Surely God has given women a special grace of love for what they go through that allows them to go back again for each new child.

### **Back story of our family.**

Most people don't know the back story of our family. Out of the five children, only one was a successful matching and Blessing on the first try. Two of our children had their first matching broken, so we know that pain. One of those took about ten years and seven different attempts before we had success. Every process has highs and lows.

One of our children was matched and Blessed by True Father, only to have that turn into a disaster. After surviving that and returning for a picture matching, which itself went a long course, success came.

Another child had three different matchings, one of which was a Blessing. All of those broke and were accompanied with great heartache, helplessness, hopelessness, and lots of other emotions.

### **Grateful and blessed.**

Today we feel totally blessed by God and grateful that all five of our children are happily married. But we know that this is not the end. It takes a lot of hard work continually to succeed in any marriage relationship. And then there is financial success and of course parenting. Grandparenting has proved to be an extra special, and unexpected type, of joy. We look forward to many years of that and all it will bring.

God's original design is truly remarkable as it unfolds. It keeps getting better and better. Each new stage has challenges but also new and deeper joys. And many deeper realizations in our relationship with God, our Heavenly Father, together and individually. The design was perfect. The greatest tragedy, that few ever realize, is the incredible joy that was to come from love in an extended family. Because of the Fall of Man, most people don't know even the joy of the First of the Three Great Blessings.

That God is faithful to His ideal and therefore faithful to us to reach that ideal is a great comfort and hope to us as we struggle through this restoration process.

## **The Original Ideal for Matching according to Divine Principle**

### **Plan for Adam and Eve's children.**

For us, it is very helpful to constantly refer to the Divine Principle and especially the original plan for Adam and Eve. God had a plan. God was planning for the matching of their children from the beginning of time. Do you know what it was? By fulfilling the First Great Blessing and then receiving God's Blessing of Marriage, Adam and Eve were to become the True Parents. Surely, God working through them would have matched their children.

This helps us understand the original design for order and relationships which we can try to apply to the process of arranging marriages for our children.

This booklet will present a paradigm for arranged marriages based on the Divine Principle concept called Portion of Responsibility. Starting with God's Portion of Responsibility, then we'll discuss ideas about parents' responsibility, children's responsibility, and others' (helpers) responsibilities.

We believe that referring to the original design and attempting to follow it will give us the greatest chance of success.

### **Principles help clarify dysfunctions.**

One of the really nice results of knowing the core principles is that you can know the roadmap to success. If something goes wrong, the principles will help explain what is the malfunction and why. Also, principles give us the ability to predict what the results will be off into the future.

As a simple example, suppose one of the parents will not participate in his/her role in the matching process. Clearly the original paradigm will not function in this case. This will cause a lot more challenges in the process.

If the parents quit on their responsibility and push the burden onto their children to take the whole responsibility, then that failure of responsibility has consequences into the lives of the children and future generations.

### **Where is your inspiration?**

We all have problems, but focusing on your problems will make them bigger. As you read through the following sections, look for divine inspiration personalized for you and your situation. Look for the hope. Look for God's Point of View. That is where there will be inspiration and understanding. Keep trying and keep asking God to help you.

## **God's Portion of Responsibility**

### **Knowing God's Plan**

I think we can all agree that God has an original plan. After all, He did create the entire universe and every living thing from the smallest cell. All the relationships of protons and electrons, anions and cations, stamens and pistils, males and females were all designed by God. There was a plan. By extension, there must be a plan for you, for your spouse, for your relationship, and for your children in the mind of God.

Surely as well, it must be the best plan that there is. It's just that the really hard question is how to find out the plan and know for sure when you have found it.

Our experience is that it is very difficult to know the plan of God and in fact, to go a step further, the plan of God keeps changing. We're not sure, but it really feels like God's plan changes. We have come to assume it is because of circumstances that are unknown to us that changed. The net effect may be that God seems to be leading you randomly.

Once God took our family into a matching process that we felt was fully inspired. After a couple of meetings with the family, it came to light that the other young person had already secretly found their own match. It was painful for everyone, but healing did take place in their family. We think that we had a hand in that and it was God that "used" us for the healing. We have offered that experience up rather than feeling betrayed by God. This was a lesson for us that God's plan may be a whole lot bigger than just what we are looking at with our eyes.

### **God plans for thousands of years**

Think about it. God must have ideas and plans out into the future for thousands of years. His matching plans for your family aren't just for your children, but He must be thinking about your descendants for many generations to come later. If one matching is not a success, maybe the future children or grandchildren of those lineages are still intended to be matched.

Here is an analogy. We are driving a car on a very dark night. We can only see as far ahead as the headlights of the car will shine. You don't know the curves ahead of that or the detours you will encounter. But you keep on driving in faith, right? Just stay on the road.

Having faith in God's goodness is your best course of action. Believing that God has your best interests in His heart and is working to accomplish those all the time is important. If you are not looking, you will not be ready to find it.

### **God often whispers**

One of our matchings got started because I (Jim) decided to look at Matchbook profiles in an age group that I rarely looked in. One profile that I read seemed to stick out because three times the young man mentioned "helping the world". My daughter had been talking about that exact thing lately. When I emailed the parents, I described noticing those three phrases. Their son had been rejecting any attempts lately, but when he heard about this, he was suddenly open to communication. The lesson here is that God reaches out through your intuition and inspirations. Follow those.

Another of our matchings started when an old friend from my Seminary days in 1975-77 called me (Jim) that he had a dream that we were discussing the matching of our kids. It just so happened that we were due to give a talk at a workshop hours from our house but not too far from their house. We arranged to meet up and had lunch with them. I believe that dream was from God and his acting on it was what could lead to a successful match.

Another matching got started at a Parents Matching Convocation. A big circle was formed by parents with daughters. Hiromi was in the circle in the area for older girls. But she was very near the other end of the circle where there was a parent with one of the youngest girls. They struck up a conversation. Low and behold, our youngest son got matched to their daughter.



That's a few ways showing how God has worked for us.

### **God learns too**

Personally we think that God has learned a lot from experience and probably changed His techniques over the years as He has seen the results of all of His efforts and ours at matching down here on earth.

One of our first matchings was accompanied by lots of spiritual signs. One of them was that when my daughter got on a plane to return to America from Korea, the mother of the young man was sitting in the seat right next to my daughter. Having an engineering background, I (Jim) am flabbergasted at how God could have possibly arranged that.

Over the years since those early days of matching, I don't see so much of these exceptional spiritual experiences that seem to be God working directly. I don't know if God stopped doing such "miracles" because they were not so successful or because we stopped looking for them, or if there is some other reason.

### **God knows how to speak to you**

How will God speak to you? Each of us is unique and so is our relationship with God. God has already spoken to you many, many times in your life. Think about those experiences. Were they dreams? Were they inspirations in prayer? Were they words out of someone else's mouth? Were they insights from reading? God knows how to speak to you so that you will recognize Him. That will probably be the way that he sends guidance about matching. Prepare yourself to receive the guidance and be watching for it.

Know for sure that God gave each of us a Portion of Responsibility. He did not interfere with the Portion of Responsibility of Adam and Eve even as they were heading into the Fall.

This shows how vital God holds man's Portion of Responsibility and we need to recognize how significant this is. It means that He will not interfere in our own Portion of Responsibility as parents, as husband or wife, or as man or woman. Nor will God interfere in our children's Portion of Responsibility.

### **Pray to know your portion of responsibility**

As parents, it is important for us to recognize our own Portion of Responsibility and the Portion of Responsibility of our children and not interfere in it, just as God does not interfere. This is a valuable focus of your prayers during preparation.

## **Parents Portion of Responsibility**

In God's original plan for Adam and Eve, they would have grown to full maturity, which means oneness with God. They would then fulfill the mission of making oneness with each other, becoming the eternal True Parents of mankind. It would therefore seem that God would easily have been able to guide them in how to match their children.

### **Creating the image of God as a couple.**

The Portion of Responsibility for Adam and Eve would first involve growing in their ability to represent God's love until God granted them permission to marry. Only God had the authority to give them the Blessing on their marriage. Only God had the authority to grant them the privilege to begin sexual relations. Sexual relations with God's permission would create His blood lineage and then His blessings could flow to the sons and daughters.

Adam and Eve's Portion of Responsibility after God's Blessing in marriage involved creating oneness within their couple. Their oneness was the "womb" that created the energy for producing their children and God's grandchildren.

Naturally as the children grew, Adam and Eve would have deep insights into the nature and character of each child. They would connect to God's vision for the life of that child. Adam and Eve together in harmony and unity would match their children as the direct representatives of God.

From the moment a couple learns the wife is pregnant, and certainly after the child is born, there are many times when they think about the future spouse for their child and his/her ultimate and eternal happiness. This is totally in line with the Principle.

### **Modeling a true relationship for future marriages**

Certainly God must think about each child in that way. Parents want their children to fully mature and are looking forward to the day they can give the blessing, God's Blessing, on their marriage. Parents are committed forever to the happiness of their children.

So Parents' Portion of Responsibility involves creating the Principled subject and object relationship centered on God as husband and wife. Parents are the role models and their relationship is the foundation for the children's future relationships to their spouses.

If Adam and Eve had fulfilled as True Parents, then when their children reached matching age, what would they do? Being fully connected to God, the parents would, we believe, recognize that the child has reached the level of maturity that is necessary to enter into marriage. At that point the parents need to meet with their child and clearly explain that the child has successfully matured.

### **How do children know when they are ready?**

Every child has the right to hear it from his/her parents and it is the duty of the parents to tell their children, "We know you and we believe in you. You are mature. You are loving. You are trustworthy. You can keep a promise. You are ready to go to the next level. We are ready to give you our blessing."

How do young people know when they are ready for matching if they don't hear it from any representative of God? Parents must believe in them and pass on that belief in them so they can come to believe in themselves. When the child can also believe, he or she must exercise their own Portion of Responsibility and accept to enter the matching process.

### **Parents take subject role in searching**

The parents take the subject responsibility of doing all the searching process to find a candidate for matching. They could receive suggestions and recommendations from all available sources, including the children themselves, their siblings, or friends, other connections, even Internet websites.

Please note that the parents are in the subject position in relation to the children. This surely makes sense in the original plan of God because they are much better connected to Him. Within the parents, the father is in the subject role. This is not a dictatorial position. Love makes the subject and object of equal value, even equal responsibility, but there is a difference in position.

The parents would lead the process of searching for a candidate. Once one is identified, then the parents would be the ones contacting the other family or some designated intermediate.

### **Parents lay the foundation for the interaction**

They would meet the family. They would possibly even interview the candidate before he/she ever meets their child. Inspirations would be coming to the parents from God in how to guide the process and proceed at each step of the way.

If God is fully working through both sets of parents, there is nothing to be afraid of. Parents would feel God's love. Children would feel God's love and protection. Even candidates being interviewed would feel God's love and not nervousness.

### **Parents share their conclusions**

Once the parents are fully confirmed in their belief that God would bless this matching, then they need to convey that message and fully disclose their thinking and inspirations to their child. After that, the Portion of Responsibility of the child begins.

## **The matching candidate's Portion of Responsibility**

### **Requires 100% effort**

It may seem like the matching candidate has very little to do in the whole process. However, their responsibility is to fulfill the First Great Blessing, i.e. full maturity and oneness with God. This will require 100% of their effort.

If a candidate is that mature, then he or she is fully ready to enter into marriage.

If not, then the other candidate is being asked to accept someone who is still immature. They, of course, have the right to decline the marriage. So it is a huge responsibility for any candidate to (a) fully prepare themselves in maturity and (b) also prepare themselves to decide whether or not to accept someone else who might have limitations.

### **The marriage decision is forever**

This is the bottom line of the decision. Marriage is meant to be forever. Can someone 21 years old or maybe even a few years older be able to make a decision that will last for eternity?

You are never fully adult and never fully mature and responsible unless you can make an eternal commitment. Isn't that one of the natures of God? Can you be unchanging?

Preparing for loving a spouse can begin as young as childhood. Educating yourself on every aspect of masculinity and femininity and connecting yourself with God is a vital part of fulfilling the First Great Blessing.

Probably the biggest decision you will ever have to make in your life is "Do you take this man/woman as your spouse for all eternity?"

### **Is your preparation enough?**

Most young people don't prepare enough. So when they get to the moment when they have to face the decision, they don't know how to decide. Or possibly they use some criteria from the fallen world like looks or feelings.

How many years have the parents prayed for the future spouse of their child? How many years has the child prayed about making this decision and commitment? How much has the child prepared to be able to keep that commitment?

My personal testimony (Jim) is that when I heard the announcement that there was going to be a matching, I knew in my heart that I was not ready. I made a condition of 40 days of praying and studying for 40 minutes a day. When the condition was over, I felt in my heart that I was still not ready. So I repeated the condition. Near the end of the 40 days, I had a deep experience in prayer. The Divine Principle says that a husband and wife are destined to be the image of God. This was a tremendous relief for me because I did have faith in True Father's matching already. But now I realized that whoever he matched me to would have to be someone that I could make oneness with in the image of God. Otherwise, God would be violating His own nature with a different match centered on punishing me for my sins for example. My fears were gone.

### **Candidate must take full responsibility**

Even if the parents totally believe that one particular candidate is sent by God for their son or daughter, the full and final decision on accepting the match, full subjectivity and responsibility over accepting the match must be placed into the candidate's portion of responsibility.

Parents cannot interfere with this decision. As much as they may desire it, they should back off. It is not their responsibility at this point.

If parents interfere in a young adult's portion of responsibility at the very essence of the love relationship, then the young adult can never become mature and responsible. According to Divine Principle, parents cannot take over the candidate's Portion of Responsibility. In the section about "Why God did not intervene in the Fall", we learn that interfering would be destroying the possibility for perfection.

The best parents can do is educate and model how to make the right decision. Guide them on the God centered path so they can fulfill the ideal on their own.

### **Each person is unique in their preparation**

Each person is totally unique and will therefore have a totally unique way of preparing for matching. Their prayers, reading, writings, and questions are all different. Help them feed their mind, heart, and will with resources uniquely fitting to their nature and character.

### **Books and resources can help**

There are many good books on understanding ourselves and our unique strengths and weaknesses, books on what makes good relationships, books on making marriage work. Check out Appendix 1 at the end of the Matching Handbook which lists some of them. Also the website is an ever-growing resource.

### **When are you ready?**

"Being ready for matching" is as unique as each individual. Some may be ready before their older siblings. There is no birth order requirement to being matched.

Parents can provide a really valuable service to their child with this kind of statement. "We believe that you are fully mature enough and ready to be married. And here is why..."

Parents may think it's a good idea to want to wait until their child says, "I'm ready to be matched." But seriously, how do they know? They have never been married.

### **Importance of communication around matching age**

Many parents lose touch with the lives of their children who go off to college. It is really important to have regular interactions with them about their spiritual growth and thoughts about marriage.

Children need to keep up the communication with their parents centered on matching. Keep it regular and keep it private. Even prodding your parents, if necessary, is important.

How is a parent supposed to find a good prospective match if they don't know their own child well enough? Parents obviously want to find someone their child will want to be matched to. They do love their child and want for his or her eternal happiness.

## **Portion of Responsibility of others**

### **Everyone would want to participate**

What about other people in the extended family and community? What is their portion of responsibility? What about the Grandparents and siblings of a candidate?

In God's original design, all adults would have reached the level of maturity similar to Jesus. Therefore all the aunts and uncles, friends and neighbors, and especially the grandparents would be great matching advisors. All of them would have personal networks of hundreds of people. All of them would be deeply connected to God. Therefore the pool of candidates would be rather large.

### **Restoration has challenges**

In restoration however, we have a more challenging course to find prospects. It is therefore important to create a team of people who can support the matching process with prayers and searching.

### **Use available resources**

A website of candidates is one of the best resources.

A matching team can meet together and go through available candidates and narrow down the field and help organize and prioritize the process.

Contacts and friends who have more experience with matching can be called upon to share their experiences and suggestions.

Everyone wants to see young happy and loving couples. It brings hope and encouragement to everyone. It's a great good to the whole community. Everyone would be inspired to be able to contribute to the process.

Clearly, it would bring great joy to God as well. Creating new couples is one of the things closest to His heart.

Please read through the Matching Handbook for more practical guidance and also check out the list of resources on the website.

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## INTRODUCTION

This is the first edition of the Sanctuary Church Matching Handbook. We expect there may be revisions after more experience and feedback. It will share some of the accumulated experience of those who have gone before in trying to practice a God centered matching process. It is not and cannot be a rule book or law book of what to do. Each parent and candidate is unique with their own portion of responsibility. We hope to give you insights to pray over, think about, and discuss as you go forward in this process.

The process and policies outlined in this handbook are based upon the new international guidelines developed under the guidance of Rev. Hyung Jin Moon, Rev. Yeonah Moon, Mr. Kook Jin Moon, and Mrs. Ji Yae Moon. The foundation of this handbook is the teachings of our True Father, Rev. Sun Myung Moon, the owner of lineage and founder of the Blessing tradition.

## FINDING GOD'S HEART AND MOTIVATION

The motivation for Parents' matching is God... bringing our Heavenly Father joy and fulfilling God's Original ideal, the Three Great Blessings. Our challenge is to find that heart and motivation and create the conditions and process that will allow God to be present and guide it. Please, forward your feedback and suggestions.

## **ACKNOWLEDGMENTS**

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## **I. OVERVIEW OF MATCHING PROCESS AND GUIDELINES**

### **A. Important Objectives**

1. Establishing a parent-centered process. (If for any reason parents cannot be involved, then advocates or other mentors will be needed in that role.)
2. Allowing for and respecting each candidate's input and portion of responsibility in the matching process.
3. When seriously pursuing a possible match, assuring the most respect and love for all members of both families centered on God.
4. Full disclosure of each candidates' faith and situation (no secrets of an unprincipled past).
5. Assuring the couple's ownership of their matching decision.

### **B. Recommended Qualifications for an Candidate**

1. Believe in True Father as the Messiah and recognize Rev. Hyung Jin Nim as the Inheritor and 2<sup>nd</sup> King of Cheon Il Guk.
2. Be committed to realizing the ideal of true families.
3. Attend regular worship services on line or in person.
4. Tithing to Sanctuary Church.
5. Traditional standard of a 7-day Fast or (21 days of fasting of the evening meal may be substituted)
6. Matching age: 17 minimum to begin; 20 or 21 is recommended. Parents to begin their own education earlier. Support and communicate with their child from a young age.
7. Divine Principle education to the level of 7-day content; 21 or 40-day is preferred.
8. Completion of an application profile by the candidate.
9. Completion of a Purity Interview with Parents or designated elder. Fulfillment of any forgiveness conditions.
10. Completion of a Blessing Workshop, Small Group study or online home study for matching candidates.



## **II. WORDS FROM TRUE FATHER, HYUNG JIN NIM and BIBLE**

### **A. True Father's Words:**

#### **The Value of the Blessing**

"In the entire life of True Father, do you know what the most valuable thing I can imagine is? It is the Blessing. For all of you, the ultimate gift in human history is the Blessing. The value of the Blessing cannot be exchanged even for the world. The Blessing is one man and one woman, centering on God's will, becoming true father and true mother, producing true love."

"Your ideal partner is the person who will be your companion on the road to the ideal world."

"The perfection of a man and woman's love is the perfection of the universe. The day this love was broken, the universal order was destroyed and the vertical world was broken. Therefore, you must know how important marriage is from the providential viewpoint. Through true love, man and woman gradually get closer to the center of the eternal world. Man and woman centering on God will unite into one in the center. Man and woman centering on God, giving and receiving love, will become one and will give birth to sons and daughters. Sons and daughters who are born as the fruit of love, through give and take action centering on parents who are one with God, will produce the four position foundation."

#### **Parents' Role in Matching their children**

"I want you to understand that you are the pioneers of the tradition of the future. You are making the mold for others to fit into. I want you to prepare your home and clan for every eventuality. Those of you living close with me feel more to the bone this tradition. You must be ready to learn and take over the tradition."

"You may be thinking, 'It is only Father who can do the Matching, not us,' however that is not so. You are all able to do the Matching, because God, who is supporting me, is also supporting you, just the same."

"The promise between the Blessed Family and me is fulfilled when the Second Generation born to that family receives the Blessing."

During a speech at the most recent Day of All Things, True Father confronted a church leader who was taking an active role in recommending a spouse to a member of the Second Generation. True Father admonished him saying, "How can you leaders take responsibility of the eternal lives of the Second generation?" True Father gave authority over and responsibility for matching Second generation to the parents of Second generation, not to the leaders, not to the church, and not to Second generation.

"In the dispensational view, the vertical connection is eternal and therefore more important than the horizontal, which is temporal. That is why parents must be a part of the choosing of the mate. This doesn't mean that parents should arbitrarily choose partners for their children, but rather the parents should intervene, representing heaven, in order to ensure the harmony of the vertical and horizontal relationship. This is the meaning of the Blessing."

True Father said on True Children's Day, "From now on, if you have a child and you try to match him with a good person, you will become a bad person. If you liked one particular person (as a spouse for your child), conversed in secret and arranged the matching this way, then your ancestors from heaven will come down to oppose such a match without a doubt. They will say, "You stupid son, you terrible daughter! Why try to marry him with a person you think is good for him? You must match him with a person Heaven thinks is good for him."

#### **Words on Matching**

"The ideal partner (ideal mate) in Father's mind is completely different from the ideal partner we imagine. The ideal partner that True Father thinks of is a match of completely opposite types, such as spring and fall types, summer and winter types, etc. True Father says, "When a North-pole type person is matched

with a South-pole type person, then out of such a couple a child will be born who has a huge capacity to embrace the entire globe.

“In order for a spring-like woman to pass through summer and winter, she has to meet an autumnal man. A woman who corresponds to spring has to pass through summer in order to meet an autumnal man, and the autumnal man has to pass through winter in order to meet the spring-like woman. Therefore both ultimately pass through all four seasons.

“When I am matching people one after another, I try not to look clearly at the contours of a person’s face, if possible. I rather look at two persons for a while, and check what kind of feeling comes. It is as if there is a measuring device for minds, and I compare the two without delay. If when I look at the two, instantly and without self-awareness, I feel as if they are becoming one, then it is precisely a match made in heaven, a perfect match.

“More than anything, one’s love partner should establish an ideal harmony and balance. You should think that the person who appears as your beloved spouse is a son or daughter of God, whom He truly loves, and that therefore He may come disguised as the ugliest person. If you love your husband or wife with those eyes, it has the same significance as loving God’s son and daughter.”

### **Candidate’s Attitude and Heart**

“The term “ideal spouse” is very good, is it not? Until now, you have thought that an ideal spouse is like this or like that. No matter how good your partner is, you will not find his or her value unless you have within you the quality to do so. Do you understand what I am saying? Where is your capacity to discover whether or not your spouse is excellent? Without you yourself being the best, you cannot find the very essence of your spouse’s excellence.

“It is through the merit of investing myself that my partner is moved and comes to appear as an object with value. God created heaven and earth not just to see them as they are. He created in order to love, with heart as the basis. In the same way the only thing that matters in re-creation is acting with the heart as the guide. Even though Adam and Eve are small, in the world they are not seen as small but big.

“Men naturally pursue women, but for what purpose – to receive love or to give love? That is the most important question. It is a serious problem that American people have not understood how universal law works. You should never think, ‘I’m so glad I’m getting married because now my life will be easier. I will have someone to... serve me.’ But all of a sudden, that is not what happens and you start to complain, ‘Hey, what’s happening here?’ Your first concept was wrong; you are not supposed to get married in order to make your life easier. You should think that your life will get tougher, but you should be willing to do it in order to give love.

“Why do you marry? It is to inherit the foundation of thousands of years and of ten thousand generations of chosen people; it is for the future generations. If you marry for the sake of yourselves, you will destroy everything. That kind of decadent trend is sweeping over the world, and all of it has to be cut off. If you have that selfish thought, you are my enemies.

“Let’s say there is a good looking person among the blessing candidates. He or she might look splendid on the outside. But what is important is whether or not that person has the value to exist in the future in front of the will of God. That is the primary question for the partner whom that person meets.

“Therefore, our marriages are for the sake of our descendants. Thus, even though candidates might appear unsuitable in some way, the problem is how to match people so that their children inherit only their parent’s good points.”

### **The Origin of the Universe**

"If all men and women admit that their sexual organ belongs to their spouse, we would all bow our heads and become humble when we receive our spouse’s love.

Our sexual organs are palaces of true love, true life, and true lineage. They are the most precious place. If these organs were to disappear, heaven and earth would disappear. Without these organs, God’s ideal,

His family, and His will could not be fulfilled. These organs are an origin from which everything can be perfected." In search of the Origin of the Universe. 1997 (216-218, 1991.4.1) CSG Page 2,257

## **B. Words from Hyung Jin Nim:**

"The marriage tradition in our church is where we get to actualize all the things we heard when we were young and all the things we listened to in workshops. It's the real place for us to actualize and refine those very important skills, such as understanding the power of the relationship, living for the sake of the other person, understanding the other person and practicing true love in the same way we always explain it. When we have differences of opinion, we recognize them; we come to deep understandings through them by natural subjugation, not by force.

"I think one of the great things about being Blessed is that we are constantly reminded that our most precious relationship is dynamic, not static. In order for it to be truly alive, it does require investment. It does require us to put in effort and to work at it. I feel some things have helped me personally—such as trying to understand my wife more. Sometimes, early on, I just didn't get it. [Laughter] That's okay; if you work through that, you learn. It is a process of learning, a process of growth, a process of continual improvement. I feel that the Blessing is not only a milestone; it is one of our most central practices. You may have a family soon—children—in a couple of years. Then you can also start this practice with your kids, raising them. It's very exciting, very dynamic.

"One of the things I think is essential for Blessed Couples, Blessed Families, is to understand the concept that in giving the Blessing, True Parents have extended the Blessed life to us. That is something we can be proud of, and the Blessed life is something at which we can excel. And it does not have to stop with us. The Blessed life really is having the success and the victory God wants you to have in your lives, in relationships and so on. Then you take the next step and be that blessing to those around you, be that blessing to that person who needs a little help, your guidance, your mentoring. When we do that, we can start coming full cycle with living the Blessed life. Our view is that it can continually get better, which is very hopeful. I don't think it has a limit in the sense that you reach some stage and just stay there. True Parents continually try to improve and grow—with the grandchildren, together, and so on."

## **Explanation of 3-Day Ceremony**

"Through the 3-day Ceremony, the wife is reborn in Christ as the restored Bride of Christ and is bestowed as a princess in the Kingdom of God. The husband is reborn in Christ as a son of God. After the completion of these Holy Consecrations, the husband and wife will stand as a prince and princess of God's Kingdom to glorify and honor Him forever." April 21, 2015

## **C. Bible**

### **Wives and Husbands, Ephesian 5:21-33 NIV**

Submit yourselves to one another because of your reverence for Christ.

Wives, submit yourselves to your husbands as to the Lord. For a husband has authority over his wife just as Christ has authority over the church; and Christ is himself the Savior of the church, his body. And so wives must submit themselves completely to their husbands just as the church submits itself to Christ.

Husbands, love your wives just as Christ loved the church and gave his life for it. He did this to dedicate the church to God by his word, after making it clean by washing it in water, in order to present the church to himself in all its beauty—pure and faultless, without spot or wrinkle or any other imperfection. Men ought to love their wives just as they love their own bodies. A man who loves his wife loves himself. (None of us ever hate our own bodies. Instead, we feed them, and take care of them, just as Christ does the church; for we are members of his body.) As the scripture says, "For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and unite with his wife, and the two will become one." There is a deep secret truth revealed in this scripture, which I understand as applying to Christ and the church. But it also applies to you: every husband must love his wife as himself, and every wife must respect her husband.

### III. PREPARATION FOR THE MATCHING PROCESS

#### A. Preparation for Parents

##### 1. Spiritual Preparation

###### a. Seeking God's Heart and Perspective

We are seeking to establish a tradition of God-centered love to bring joy to our Heavenly Father. Parents will want to create the foundation for God's guidance and involvement in the process.

###### b. Father's words

True Father has spoken deeply about matching and his confidence that God will guide the parents to a match. The more parents prepare and educate themselves by reading, reflecting upon, and orienting themselves in Father's words and other resources the better.

###### c. Setting spiritual conditions

Husbands and wives will want to establish conditions to connect with Heavenly Father, each other, and the heart of their adult child preparing for matching.

Always be doing something. Activities oriented toward a matching are always better than only prayer or individual conditions.

In addition to prayer, bowing, Hoon Dok Hae, etc., we encourage doing something that will improve the real relationships within your family. You might determine to set aside time with your spouse or child each week. You might call your child and report what you are doing or are inspired about regarding matching.

###### d. Unity within the family is essential

One important goal of any condition you set individually or as a family is to become one in heart - to get on the same page. Unity and good communication are the most important and helpful conditions for God to be able to work.

##### 2. Educational Preparation

In the Appendix on Resources of this handbook you will find helpful resources and experience-based materials on understanding your child, building communication, or supporting various stages of the process outlined here.

Other ways to prepare include:

###### a. Blessing Workshops and other programs on the Value of the Matching and Blessing

###### b. Hear the testimony of other parents or BCs who have successful matches.

##### 3. Understand the Process. Also form your own list of dos and don'ts.

##### 4. Establish Communication

###### a. Husband-Wife Relationship

i. Discuss the matching process with your spouse first. Even if one parent takes a more active role, it is important that you are on the same page.

ii. Clarify your goals and priorities. What is primary to each of you? When to begin? What about age, race, nationality, purity, etc.?

iii. Discuss your child's real situation and readiness. Has your child expressed the desire to have help through an arranged marriage? Do you know what is important to them?

iv. When one parent is not present or unable to participate, the active parent can identify an advocate for support.

b. Parent – Child Relationship

i. Parents need to respect their candidate's portion of responsibility, including input into the process and ownership of the final decision and outcome.

ii. Parents are advised to learn their candidate's hopes, goals, priorities and expectations in matching. Discuss and decide how best to work together.

iii. If communication between parent and child is strained or difficult, seek assistance through a mediator. Build trust.

5. Practical / Financial preparation

a. Consider and prepare for Blessing expenses.

b. Blessing Donation is a condition of sincerity to receive True Parent's Blessing

c. Travel expenses to the Blessing event

d. Clothing and accessories- from \$150 up to \$1,000

e. Blessing ring- approximately \$400 for a gold ring.

## **B. Preparation for Candidates: How do I know I am ready?**

1. Some critical questions to ask yourself:

- ✓ What is my motivation to be matched? Am I focused simply on finding someone to love me, or someone I can truly love and make happy?
- ✓ How deeply do I understand the unique meaning and value of the Blessing? Is it just finding someone to love and committing to be together forever, or is there more to it?
- ✓ How comfortable am I communicating with and caring for others?
- ✓ Who am I? What are my own goals and plans for the future? Am I looking for someone to "complete me?" What if my spouse's plans are different from my own?
- ✓ What do I expect from my spouse? What do I have to offer?
- ✓ While it may not be possible to ever feel truly ready, a sense of my own identity, basic social skills, self-control and the maturity to put others before myself are needed. Also, a fundamental faith in God and the Blessing ideal are important.

2. Standard qualifications:

a. Age: The international minimum age is 17 years. 20-21 might be better for many. We do not encourage that you rush, but if there is still hesitancy or lack of interest by the age of 24 or 25, it is important to consider and discuss the reasons for this.

b. Education:

i. Divine Principle and Bible Education - the international standard is 21-day level workshop content prior to entering the matching process. The minimum requirement is 7-day content.

- ii. Blessing Education - the international standard is completion of a Blessing Workshop, Small Group study or Home study.
- c. Photographs: Prepare at least three high-quality photos (candidate head and shoulders, candidate full-length, and a family photo).
- d. Personal Profile: Complete Candidate's profile by the candidate him/herself.
- e. Extended Profile Information: Develop a brief autobiography, photo montage, or other creative expressions of yourself and your family to share with those parents that are seriously considering your candidacy to provide a deeper level of information. This will help other candidates' parents to understand better who you are.

### 3. Educating yourself:

- a. Learn about difference between men and women, personality types
- b. Learn about relationships and roles in marriage.
- c. Attend Blessing preparation workshops
- d. Make a list of questions to ask your parents and other couples about matching and marriage.
- e. Hear the testimony of other parents or BCs who have successful matches.

## **C. Get the Family all on the same page**

### 1. Discuss relative roles and input in the matching process.

- a. Some examples of Candidate input:
  - i. Some candidates prefer to trust and receive their parents' recommendation with absolute faith.
  - ii. Some candidates want to discuss and agree with a suggested candidate before their parents contact the other family. Some specifically DON'T want this.
  - iii. Some candidates have suggestions to offer for their parents' consideration.
  - iv. Some candidates have a particular person in mind and hope for their parents' approval.
- b. Some candidates have preferences and priorities regarding age, race, culture, nationality, language, faith, purity, future plans, etc.
- c. Be clear about the degree of your adult child's involvement at each stage in the process.
- d. Because each child is different, even within the same family, this plan may look very different from child to child.

### 2. Come to agreement about priorities and strategies. Discuss openness to special situations.

NOTE: For both spiritual and emotional reasons, it is best to match candidates with similar degrees of purity and relationship experience. Full disclosure is important.

### 3. Involvement of your other family members - Do we involve siblings or not, make a family matching team, etc.? Once decided, keep the process confidential among only those involved

### 4. Decide your approach to networking and methods of outreach:

- a. Website(s):

b. Advocates = Someone who knows a particular candidate and family, and is able to represent and network for them, be a mediator with other families, answer questions, look for possible candidates, etc.

c. Additional family or young adult networking events: workshops, community events, etc.

5. Develop a set of questions you may wish to ask

a. Questions for the parents

b. Questions for the candidate.

## **IV. THE MATCHING PROCESS**

### **A. STEP One: Finding Potential Matching Candidates**

1. The essence of the Blessing tradition is reversing the self-centered love which started with Adam and Eve and caused all the breakdown and tragedies ever since. God-centered guidance and approval through the parents is designed to provide an essential vertical input to the process of finding a mate. If parents are not present or unable to take this role, the process is much more challenging. Other people such as matching advisors must try to fill that role.

2. Potential matches for your child can be found from many sources. Strategize ways to find candidates.

a. Parent's suggestions: Who can the parents identify and recommend a possible candidate?

b. Candidate's suggestions: They are encouraged to offer names. God can work through the candidate's relationships if they were centered on God. Secret attractions need to be discussed in a trusting and mature environment or else when they are not worked out, somewhere in the future one or more people are going to have disappointments and resentments.

c. Siblings and friends: They often have a valuable network.

d. Elder friends of the family: They know people you don't know. Divine inspirations can come through family friends.

### **B. STEP Two: Identifying a Candidate for your child.**

1. It is recommended that you make a short list of candidates that look like a possible good match.

a. Prioritize the list together with your matching team. #1 would be your first choice to contact.

b. Gather information about the candidates from available sources like profiles and people you know.

c. Prepare questions that you would like answers to for the parents and candidate.

2. Have your child prepare his or her introductory and advanced profile information. This will be shared with any family you contact.

a. The standard profile on the website was designed for the initial contact.

b. Prepare high quality photos (head and shoulders, full length, whole family).

c. Supplement with other profile information that would be valuable to share.

## C. STEP Three: Make contact with another family about matching

### 1. Making first contact.

- a. Keep it short. Purpose is to find out if the candidate is currently available for contact.
- b. Prepare for a “not available” so as not to take it personally.
- c. We suggest email because it is less confronting than a phone call.
- d. Alternatively, a mediator could make this initial contact without using names.
- e. We suggest you say something like, “We saw your son’s (daughter’s) profile and we were impressed by \_\_\_\_\_ (fill in the blank). We thought highly enough of him/her that we were wondering if you would like to exchange profile information with us. Please let us know immediately that you have received this outreach so we won’t be wondering if it got lost. Then please take 2 or 3 days to come to a decision whether or not you would like to go to the next step of exchanging more information.”
- f. If you receive a contact about matching from another family, respond immediately that you have received it. This is good etiquette in matching. Not responding that you received their outreach is disrespectful and discourteous. In your response explain what you will do next and how long before you will give them an answer about going to the next step or not.

### 2. Parent to parent contact or using a mediator

- a. Direct emailing between parents can work the fastest.
- b. Asking the help of a mediator (Matching Advisor) can also be helpful. In some cases it might be best to have the mediator make the first outreach to see if the candidate is available. No names would need to be exchanged at first.
- c. If the candidate is available, the mediator could share the name and some profile information of the interested party. Then after they express interest or not, convey that information back to the original family.
- d. A mediator can be helpful in gaining important information about the situation in a family. Or conversely, the mediator could share a special situation (ex. loss of purity, broken Blessing, children, disability) without sharing any names to see if the contacted family would still be open to going to the next step.

### 3. Exchange “introductory profile information”

- a. This is the basic profile written by the candidate (ex. website profile). Other information as desired may also be shared.
- b. It includes the 3 high quality photos. Others may be added as well.
- c. Parents’ additional comments and testimonies, church history, etc. may be helpful if desired.
- d. It is easier if this is gathered into one complete email package so the other party does not have to work hard to gather it all together from different sources, including the website. Not everyone is good with the Internet.

### 4. Both families clearly DECIDE to enter into discussions about matching with the other family.

- a. Clarify whether this will be exclusive or not, meaning they will only talk to each other until a conclusion is reached.
- b. Agree that confidentiality will be kept



- c. If one family remains open to contact from other possible matching outreach, everyone needs to know they are doing that.
- d. Our best recommendation from experience is to deal with only one family at a time. So if one family wants to remain open in the beginning, there should be a definite point if the relationship starts to build that they stop accepting other contacts and focus on just this one until a conclusion is reached.
- e. Confusion needs to be avoided. Clearly state that “We are now entering into discussions about matching our son with your daughter and this will be an exclusive discussion until a final resolution is reached about whether this will be a match or not.”

## **D. STEP Four: Advancing the Communication**

### 1. Exchange more advanced information

- a. Ask the other family for more information and photos.
- b. Ask questions for information that you want to know in order to make a decision to go forward.
- c. Facebook and other social media profiles might be helpful
- d. Personality profiles can be greatly helpful. (See Appendix for how to get them.)
  - i. Myers-Briggs
  - ii. Flag Page
  - iii. Five Love Languages
  - iv. Five Apology Languages
  - v. Carol Tuttle Energy Types

### 2. Decide on a process for give and take between the candidates

- a. You could begin by having the candidates write short essays on questions of interest. (See Appendix for suggestions.)
- b. Who will email who first? What is the plan for frequency of emailing because people are different in their communication styles?
- c. When to start talking on the phone? Will the parents talk on the phone and to whom?
- d. When to start video chatting.
- e. What is the reporting and sharing process to the respective parents? How often and how much do parents want to know what is going on? Do the parents report to each other?

### 3. Going deeper

- a. A certain amount of time is needed to learn the general details of another person’s life.
- b. After maybe 21 days or 40 days, have a discussion about continuing to go forward.
- c. Both sides clearly DECIDE to get serious to see if this will be a match.

d. Begin to discuss serious questions and issues about your relationship. Write down the questions to ask and then the answers so you'll remember them. Pray. Take note of points that make you uncomfortable. These "red flags" need to be dealt with before going to the next step.

e. Do research on mature love marriages and what makes for successful mature relationships. (See Appendix for recommended resources). Definitely learn about the differences between men and women.

f. Full disclosure. This is the time when any information needs to come out that would be a shock to the other family or cause damage to the future relationship. This would include loss of purity, struggles with pornography, tobacco use, alcohol use, drug use, sexual abuse, physical health concerns especially any effecting child bearing, or mental health issues. You could also include challenges in the family, between parents, with siblings, etc. Also issues of faith in God, Christ, the church, etc. Even career choice or country of residence might be an issue if one person has a very strong preference. If you expose everything and someone still loves you, you know it is real. If you keep secrets, you are never sure they will love you when the truth comes out.

#### 4. Purity Interviews

a. Forms are available to be filled out. Candidates need to do a full confession.

b. Designated elder (or the parent) needs to physically conduct the interview standing as a representative of God to receive the confession.

#### 5. Face to Face Meeting

a. Short is better at first. 2 to 3 days is recommended

i. One family could visit the other family and not bring the candidate.

ii. The candidate could visit with their parents. Or they could bring a sibling or friend along.

iii. Other variations are of course possible.

iv. Privacy away from other church members is recommended to avoid awkwardness and rumors.

b. Have lots of activities or some project to work on side-by-side. This makes it easier to get to know the person in different settings.

c. Be sure to have some time near the end for honest sharing of where each person stands regarding a match.

d. A suggested question. On a scale of 1 to 10, (1 being a definite "no" to going forward and 10 being completely ready to get matched) give your totally honest "gut" number.

e. If the number is in the middle, discuss what are the issues are and where to go from here.

f. Go back home and away from the intensity and evaluate the experience. Decide what you want to do next. Then discuss with your parents.

#### 6. Taking 100% Ownership

a. It is the Portion of Responsibility of the Candidates to take 100% ownership over the matching.

b. Give them the time and space to do that. Allow them to come to their conclusions in their own unique ways.

## **E. STEP Five: Making a Decision**

1. Make a clear decision at each step. Think of the process as a series of serious decisions, level by level that lead to a match. Possible decisions are:

- a. Don't want to go forward any more.
- b. Definitely want to go forward to the next level
- c. Can't make up my mind so I need to prolong this step. What action(s) needs to happen?

2. If candidates agree to accept the match, make sure it is clearly stated (written or verbal) by both people.

3. Make sure the whole family knows about it and is "on board".

4. Decide on arrangements for a Commitment Ceremony (Engagement Ceremony)

## **F. STEP Six: Commitment Ceremony**

1. Families get together for a Ceremony.

- a. Best for the couple to decide the parts of the ceremony (Songs, pledges, prayers, readings, rings, gifts, etc.)
- b. This is the offering to God
- c. This is the commitment to go forward to marriage and the Blessing
- d. Decide about exchanging gifts by family or individual.

2. Decide on a public announcement of the matching. What to announce; when to announce; and how.

## **G. STEP Seven: Waiting for the Blessing**

1. Decide the issue of physical closeness before something "just happens"

- a. Candidates are now betrothed to each other and in the position of Adam and Eve before the Fall
- b. Expect an attack from Satan
- c. We suggest you avoid any sexual stimulation of each other until after both the Blessing and legal marriage. As Christians, the highest standard is sexual intimacy only within marriage. You will be glad you kept your purity and so will your descendants.

2. Continue your education more seriously while waiting to receive the Blessing (See Appendix for resources)

- a. Study the differences between men and women
- b. Study what makes a successful marriage
- c. Learn more about each other by deeper give and take
- d. Pray and study about God's plan for marriage and for your couple specifically.
- e. Attend a Blessing Workshop or comparable event for couples.

3. Practice making all of your plans in life to now include your future spouse.

## **H. STEP Eight: The Blessing**

1. Prepare all necessary registration forms and information. Follow the church requirements for the Blessing.
2. Prepare for all financial expenses that will be needed.
3. Decide and prepare travel arrangements as necessary.
4. Plan your legal marriage. Will it be before or after the Blessing?
5. Have a wonderful experience at the Blessing

## **I. STEP Nine: After the Blessing**

1. Get legally married as soon as possible and before the "First Night" (starting sexual relations).
2. A couple's "First Night" will be very historical. Please think and pray deeply about it. Unlike Adam and Eve, you will have permission from God to engage in sexual intimacy.
3. Please offer it to God in an appropriate way.
4. Sex is the beginning of an eternal relationship designed by God as the "center of the Universe". Treat it as the Holy of Holies.
5. Creating oneness takes a long time and years of give and take. But becoming the object partner to God as a couple and bringing forth His lineage is the ultimate joy and consummation of creation.
6. Consider designating one or more "mentor" couples for your marriage. Share about your marriage on a deep level with trusted individuals or couples on a regular basis (preferably monthly).

## **CONCLUSION**

Returning the family to God's lineage is the essence of restoration. Building the Kingdom of Heaven on Earth means the building of ideal relationships between individuals and God, between husbands and wives, and between parents and children. The matching process involves all of these processes at one time. It is the crossing point of history. It is everyone's mission and destiny. It is a great opportunity to directly experience all of the "hearts" of God in history.

We wish you tremendous success and joy through the entirety of this process. Make a commitment to never give up until you have final success and victory. It will be yours.

# APPENDICES

## Appendix 1: RESOURCES AND REFERENCE MATERIALS

Recommended Resources for understanding and getting to know others:

1. Your personal friends with experience in matching might be the most helpful of all
2. Website: All of the below information is listed on the following website. More resources will be continually added: <http://www.theMarriageLibrary.com/Matching>
3. Books about **Myers-Briggs Personality Inventory**. Get brief explanation and quiz on website. Most widely used and statistically based personality tool in the world.
  - a. **Just Your Type: Create the Relationship You've Always Wanted Using the Secrets of Personality Type** by Paul D. Tieger and Barbara Barron-Tieger
  - b. **Type Talk: The 16 Personality Types That Determine How We Live, Love, and Work** by Otto Kroeger and Janet M. Thuesen
  - c. **Please Understand Me I & II: Temperament, Character, Intelligence** by David Keirse
  - d. **Lovetypes: Discover Your Romantic Style And Find Your Soul Mate** by Alexander Avila
4. Book: **The Five Love Languages** by Gary Chapman. Explanation and quiz on website. Inspired Christian understanding of how we recognize when others are giving love to us. Research based and time tested.
5. Book: **The Five Languages of Apology** by Gary Chapman. Explanation and quiz on website. Research based understanding of what different people accept as a genuine apology. We can't restore hurts without this.
6. Book and DVDs: **Love and Respect** by Emerson Eggerich. Profound Christian understanding of what a husband needs and what a wife needs. Shows how a cycle of love and respect works or fails.
7. Book and Website: **The Flag Page** by Mark Gungor. Very helpful website for young and old to learn about themselves, relating better to others, and what motivates them in life. Excellent in preparation for matching.
8. Books: **It's Just My Nature!** and **The Child Whisperer** by Carol Tuttle. Website and quiz: <http://myenergyprofile.com/>. Explains how people have 4 "types" of different energy levels and ways of interacting. Helps show how various types would interact in relationships and in a marriage.
9. Websites: FOCCUS, PREPARE, or RELATE. Well researched surveys for understanding relationships within couples.
10. Article: **"Finding the Love of Your Life, Selection of a Marriage Partner, 29 Critical Matching Variables"** by Neil Clark Warren PhD the founder of eharmony.com.
11. Websites and books: Various horoscope systems can be interesting and helpful by describing personalities and relationships among the various types.
  - a. Oriental horoscopes (12 signs by year of birth)
  - b. Sun signs (12 signs by month of birth)

12. Book: **Act of Marriage** by Tim and Beverly LaHaye. Very excellent source book for understanding Christian sexual relations.
13. Books by Shaunti Feldhahn. Thoroughly researched information through thousands of deep interviews.
- a. **Through a Man's Eyes: Helping Women Understand the Visual Nature of Men** by Shaunti Feldhahn and Craig Gross
  - b. **For Young Women Only: What You Need to Know About How Guys Think** by Shaunti Feldhahn and Lisa A. Rice
  - c. **For Young Men Only: A Guy's Guide to the Alien Gender** by Jeff Feldhahn and Eric Rice
  - d. **For Women Only: What You Need to Know About the Inner Lives of Men** by Shaunti Feldhahn
  - e. **For Men Only: A Straightforward Guide to the Inner Lives of Women** by Shaunti Feldhahn and Jeff Feldhahn
  - f. **For Parents Only: Getting Inside the Head of Your Kid** by Shaunti Feldhahn and Lisa A. Rice
14. Book: **First Comes Love** by Reva Seth. Through the advice from 300 arranged marriages, she shares the importance of knowing yourself and identifying what's central in building a lasting marriage.
15. Paper: "Suggested Guidelines for Family-Centered Matchmaking and The Marriage Blessing Commitments", Dr. Mose Durst and Ken Hardman. A discussion paper on the step by step process of parent centered matching.
16. Book: **His Brain, Her Brain: How Divinely Designed Differences Can Strengthen Your Marriage** by Walt and Barb Larimore. Christian couple summarizes all the scientific research on differences between men and women and explain what it means for relationships.
15. Book: **Five Love Languages for Teenagers** by Gary Chapman. Identifies the ways in which parents and children express their love to one another and how to use that knowledge to build a lifelong relationship.
17. Book: **Wonderful Ways to Love a Teenager**, by Judy Ford. How to love a teenager.
18. Book: **Hey Dad, if you only knew....8 things teens want to tell their Fathers, but don't** by Josh Weidman and James Weidman
19. Book: **Shaping the Man inside Teenage Boys** by Bill Beausay. Surviving and enjoying these extraordinary years.
20. Book: **I Kissed Dating Goodbye** by Joshua Harris. Smart love looks beyond personal desire and the gratification of the moment. A "how to", to prepare oneself for marriage from God's perspective.
21. **True Love Volume I** - True Father's words on marriage 1979 -1989. True Father's Advice and anecdotes from the time of many first gen blessings 1979-1989. HSA-Books
22. DVD: **Tale of Two Brains: Teen Edit** by Mark Gungor (DVD). Explores the differences between men and women in an honest and hilarious way.
23. Book: **The Gift for Life** - 2nd Gen Blessing Department Guidebook Compiled by Inguk Seo, includes matching/Blessing testimonies from 1st and 2nd generation. HSA-Books

24. Article: **Is it Infatuation or True Love?** Marriage Library Archive 12-07-09 website
25. Articles: **The Meaning of the Blessing** - True Father (BFD-resources-matching) - website
26. Book: **Cheon-Hwa-Dang: House of Heaven's Harmony** by Hyung Jin Moon. Wonderful internal guidance on developing character and internal discipline. HSA-Books
27. Book: **The Seven Habits of Highly Effective Teens** by Sean Covey. Applies the seven habits to the life of teens including stories from all over the world (self-image, build more active goals, your goals for parenting).
28. Book: **Relationship Intelligence** by Richard Panzer.
29. Book: **Lady in Waiting** by Jones/Kendall. Biblically-based marriage preparation/comes with accompanying workbook. A book about finding God's biblically based marriage etc.
30. Book: **Saving Your Marriage Before it Starts** by Les & Leslie Parrot. Points to prepare yourself for being a qualified candidate. Asks the reader 7 important questions, through answering, the reader can gain valuable skills that help build a successful marriage.
31. Book: **Pure Gold – Encouraging Character Qualities in Marriage** by Susanne M. Alexander. Learn how to understand and practice positive character traits in your marriage. Great for before and after the matching and Blessing.
32. Book: **Boy Meets Girl** by Joshua Harris. Practical guidance on how to switch from “no dating” to building a God centered relationship that develops into commitment and marriage.
3. Book: **Laugh Your Way to a Better Marriage** by Mark Gungor. Funny and helpful understandings of the differences between men and women and how to best form a solid marriage. God centered.

## Websites:

Unification Sanctuary Church: [www.sanctuary-pa.org](http://www.sanctuary-pa.org)

**Archive of 1,067 Daily Marriage Tips.** Huge list of information on men, women, parenting, children, and more. Member ID and password required. (Use “Member” and “20112011”)  
<http://www.themarriagelibrary.com/Archives/MasterList/MasterList.htm>

**Articles on Parenting:** [www.successtoparenting.com](http://www.successtoparenting.com) (Christian)

**95 Weekly Sunday Service Bulletin Inserts.** Each page contains a marriage tip, a parenting tip, and a spiritual tip. A compilation of insights and scientific research to help relationships in marriage, with children, and with God. <http://www.themarriagelibrary.com/Resources/Inserts/index.htm> Member ID and password required. (Use “Member” and “20112011”)

## Appendix 2: Suggested Questions for Learning About a Matching Candidate

Below are some suggestions for questions to think about and also to ask your potential match prior to the Commitment Ceremony.

Check this webpage for additional articles and questions about getting engaged to marry:

[www.theMarriageLibrary.com/BeforeEngaged](http://www.theMarriageLibrary.com/BeforeEngaged)

1. Why do you feel ready to make the unconditional commitments required for marriage?
2. What does the role of a husband/wife mean to you in your life?
3. What is your passion?
4. What is your dream for your marriage?
5. How would you handle conflict?
6. How do you believe your life of faith should be lived?
7. What are your educational plans?
8. What are your professional/vocational plans?
9. How do you want to raise your family?
10. What is your relationship with God like and when do you feel closest to God?
11. How much Divine Principle Education have you had?
12. Which part of the Principle grabs you the most?
13. What church activities have you been involved in?
14. How do you view the roles of husband and wife in the family?
15. How do you envision your future family connecting to and participating in the church community and activities?
16. What kind of community and environment would you like your future family to live in?
17. Where would you like to live while you raise a family?
18. How big a family would you like to have?
19. When do you think you would want to start having children?
20. Do you have any health concerns?
21. Is there any reason to think having children could be a problem?
22. Have there been any health concerns in your family history that are hereditary?
23. Have there been mental health concerns in your family history?
24. Have you ever seen a mental health professional, been diagnosed or taken medication for any mental health problem, psychological or emotional condition, learning or developmental disability?
25. Ask questions about how the candidate was raised. Ask about grandparents and great-grandparents.
26. How were you disciplined as a child?
27. How would you like to discipline your children?
28. How do you manage your anger? Have you ever had a violent outburst?
29. What is your level of purity?
30. Have you ever dated or kissed?
31. Have you ever given your heart to another person?
32. Have you ever experienced any addictive behavior? (Alcohol, Drugs, Gambling, Pornography) Do you have any "Deal Breakers" (issues that make it impossible for you to consider a match with someone)? Examples of these could be language, location, race, purity level, education, vices, etc.
33. What are your passions and goals?
34. What is your career path and what are your plans to support a family?
35. What are your interests and aspirations?
36. Do you have any debts, such as college loans?
37. Unity and love between a husband and wife is not easy- men and women are so different. What are some things you would do to continuously grow and develop a healthy friendship and marriage?



38. How did your parents handle finances?
39. How do you see it working in your marriage?
40. How do you see you and your future spouse solving disagreements?
41. How was conflict and difficulty managed in your own family growing up?
42. If you were to find yourself struggling in your marriage, who would you go to for help?
43. What educational activities or supportive friendships might you choose to participate in as a couple?
44. What do you understand to be the role of Rev. Hyung Jin Moon and Rev Yeonah Moon?
45. Are you willing to go to a Sanctuary Church Blessing?

## Appendix 3: Commitment Ceremony Ideas and Recommendations

This is your Commitment Ceremony. It is the first thing you work together to create.

Please take the time to create a ceremony that reflects who you are and who you want to become. Create a ceremony that begins your walk through life together by welcoming God into the heart of your relationship. Your ceremony may be simple or ornate, the important thing is you have worked together to create it and you are sincere in your commitment to God and each other.

Some Suggestions for the Components:

1. Family Pledge and Opening Prayer
2. Few words by a parent from each family
3. Candidates speak
  - a. What this Commitment means to me
  - b. Why my match is the best person for me.
  - c. Vows they have written, either individually or together
4. Prayer(s) of Blessing over the couple
5. Testimonies by parents, siblings, etc.
6. Exchange of gifts
7. Signing of the Matching Report Form
8. Closing Prayer
9. Share a meal and have cake
10. Photos

Some ideas couples have included in their ceremony:

1. A bowing ceremony before True Parents, before their parents, between the candidates and between the two families.
2. Having guests. This can be very appropriate and inspiring to share with another close Blessed Family or relatives like grandparents.
3. Gifts. Discuss and agree upon beforehand. The parents may give spiritual gifts to the couple like Holy Salt from one family and a CIG Candle and matches from the other.
4. Other things that you may want to consider for your ceremony:
  - a. A banner. This can be made by siblings that want to help.
  - b. A slide show of each person growing up, their meeting and growing together to this decision.
  - c. Music.
  - d. A reading of Father's words.
  - e. If there are guests from outside our church you may want to consider a brief introduction that puts our tradition of matching in a historical context.

WHO AM I?

**NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_

Developing successful partnerships with others requires a high degree of self-awareness and maturity. Entering a friendship or committed relationship before you are ready or for the wrong reasons can lead to disappointment and hurt. It is important to have a clear idea of your own goals and interests before entering a committed relationship. Check the items below that best describe you:

**A. What Kind of Person am I?**

**1. Personality characteristics:**

- |   |   |  |
|---|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> outgoing             | <input type="checkbox"/> quiet and reserved       | List your best qualities:<br>_____<br>_____<br>_____<br>_____<br>_____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> make friends easily  | <input type="checkbox"/> draw attention to myself |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> interested in others | <input type="checkbox"/> a good listener          |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> make good decisions  | <input type="checkbox"/> tend to be a follower    |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> care about others    | <input type="checkbox"/> have a positive attitude |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> on time              | <input type="checkbox"/> don't like to plan ahead |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> flexible             | <input type="checkbox"/> get angry easily         |  |

**2. Interests:**

- |   |   |  |
|---|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> going dancing    | <input type="checkbox"/> watching movies    | <input type="checkbox"/> trying new things |
| <input type="checkbox"/> playing sports   | <input type="checkbox"/> listening to music | <input type="checkbox"/> talking           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> going shopping   | <input type="checkbox"/> doing nothing      | <input type="checkbox"/> hobby: _____      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> partying         | <input type="checkbox"/> being with friends | <input type="checkbox"/> going places      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> drawing/painting | <input type="checkbox"/> making music       | <input type="checkbox"/> working out       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> reading          | <input type="checkbox"/> volunteering       | <input type="checkbox"/> helping others    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> other: _____     |   |  |

**3. Skills or talents:**

- |  |  |  |
|--|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> sports/athletics        | <input type="checkbox"/> drama/communications      | <input type="checkbox"/> art/musical ability |
| <input type="checkbox"/> writing                 | <input type="checkbox"/> academics                 | <input type="checkbox"/> planning activities |
| <input type="checkbox"/> making/designing things | <input type="checkbox"/> getting along with others | <input type="checkbox"/> leadership          |

**4. Personal goals:**

- |   |  |  |
|---|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> attend college | <input type="checkbox"/> get a job           | <input type="checkbox"/> career: _____         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> travel         | <input type="checkbox"/> make a great income | <input type="checkbox"/> become physically fit |
| <input type="checkbox"/> get married    | <input type="checkbox"/> be a parent         | <input type="checkbox"/> remain single         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> other: _____   |  |  |

## B. How do I Relate to Others?

### 1. Comfort zone:

- like groups of people
- avoid groups of people
- spend time alone
- spend time with family/friends
- like meeting people and expanding my social circle
- like to stay at home with family- "homebody"

### 2. Friends:

- a few close friends
- lots of friends
- a best friend
- no close friends

### 3. Successful relationships

- parents
- grandparents
- brothers/sisters
- opposite gender relationships
- friends
- teachers
- supervisor/boss
- co-workers
- other adults
- "youngsters"/ children

## C. What Can I Bring to a Relationship?

### ***Maturity level, self-identity, social skills:***

- I have a sense of my own values, direction and life goals, prior to entering a relationship
- I am not overly sensitive or reactive in relationships
- I can give up my own interest or desire when needed, for the sake of a relationship
- I am secure in who I am, and do not easily feel jealous or threatened in relationships
- I have the time, energy and interest to give to another person
- I am willing to listen when my partner wants to discuss something- I am a good listener
- I want to help my partner feel secure and comfortable
- I can face and handle problems and make decisions when needed
- I am able to keep my promises, and can be relied upon by others
- I am not overly shy, withdrawn, or insecure- I can communicate and relate with others

#### D. Areas for Personal Improvement:

1 \_\_\_\_\_

2 \_\_\_\_\_

3 \_\_\_\_\_

4 \_\_\_\_\_

5 \_\_\_\_\_

#### E. Relationship to God .

When do you feel close to God?

How do you see God being a part of your family?

What is the responsibility of a Man and a Woman?

What do you do to connect to God in daily life?

## Sanctuary Summer Camp



June 26 - July 3, 2016 at Camp Daddy Allen, PA

- Christ Centered
- Bible Focus
- Praise & Worship
- Family Fun
- Education for All Ages
- Swimming
- Arts & Crafts
- Music
- Sports
- Hiking
- Survival Skills
- Great Food!

Sanctuary Summer Family Camp is a Christ-Centered and Bible focused camp that the entire family can enjoy. While your family is spending quality time together in the beautiful Pocono Mountains there will be ample opportunities to learn

about the Old, New and Completed Testaments.

Registration for the camp is available through an online form below.

Fun activities will be planned for all age groups: Swimming, hiking, archery, martial arts, survival skills, sports, arts & crafts...and more. The entire camp is designed so that you and your children can build a relationship with Christ and the Living God through the Word, activities and relationships. This a great chance for families to go to a deeper level and to build a Christ-centered community. In addition to programs for kids in elementary to high schools we'll have special tracks for college age and young adults. We'll even have programs for older folks!

Everyone pitches in at Sanctuary Camp to make things happen. We, as volunteers, make up the staff for education, sports, cooking, cleaning, music, etc. This way we are able to keep our fees for camp so low.

The Food: We are very fortunate to have Healthy Gourmet chef Elke Noll designing the camp menu. The menu is filled with creative recipes and fresh offerings that nourish the body and soul!

The summer camp lodging is in cabins with beds. This is a great way to spend your summer vacation as a family. Hyung Jin Nim, and Yeonah Nim will be very involved in all aspects of Sanctuary Summer Camp. So this will be a very unique camp experience...to say the least!

We hope to see you there and if you have any questions please contact [greggnoll@gmail.com](mailto:greggnoll@gmail.com)

#### What to Bring to Camp

- Sleeping bag, pillows and bedsheets
- WARM clothing! Temps drop at night
- Flashlight and batteries
- Toiletry items
- Swimming clothes and towel
- Bug repellent
- Optional items: hiking boots, rain gear, camp chair, musical instruments, and lantern

## Camp Fees

You can fill in the Camp Registration Form to sign up for the camp by clicking on the links below corresponding to the number of people signing up. Any individual who is not registering together with a parent needs to fill in the form separately as an individual ("Camper without parent") registration (and not as a family registration). The camp donation for the camp costs (i.e. the camp payment) can be done either by PayPal at the end of the form or by sending in a check or a money order. All major credit cards also work with PayPal. Checks or money orders need to be mailed within 7 days of submitting your registration to keep your registration.

Early Bird deadline: May 15, 2016.  
(Rates go up after May 15 by 20%).

The available camp registrations are expected to fill up earlier rather than later to the full capacity of the camp. Early registrations are encouraged to reserve your place.

Family rate: At least one parent must be present for the whole workshop.

For the purpose of camp registrations, by "family" we mean direct "blood line" and marriage partner: grandparents, parents, children, grandkids, or marriage partners of direct members of the family. No cousins, aunts & uncles, nephews & nieces, close friends, etc. Thank you for your understanding.

If you are coming to camp without a parent and are under the age of 18 then you will need a guardian parent while you are at camp. Please find a parent that is coming to camp and have them send an email to: [sanctuarychurch@sanctuary-pa.org](mailto:sanctuarychurch@sanctuary-pa.org)  
Attention: Gregg Noll

This guardian parent will be responsible for you while you are at camp.

[Click on any of the links below in the blue box to begin your registration process.](#) The registration form for the number of people signing up will be presented on this page according to your selection. Complete the form and you will be signed up for the camp! You will receive a confirmation email once you complete the registration form (also please check your "spam"



folder just in case).

All camp fees include 7 days of accommodations, 3 meals a day and program activities.

### Camp Online Registration

Individual person 18-24 (Camper without parent): \$175  
(\$25 per person per day).

Individual person under 18 or over 24 (Camper without parent): \$250  
(\$36 per day per person).

Family of two (At least one parent): \$350  
(\$25 per person per day).

Married Couple (No children): \$400  
(\$28.57 per person per day).

Family of three (At least one parent): \$450  
(\$21.42 per person per day).

Family of four (At least one parent): \$550  
(\$19.64 per person per day).

Family of five (At least one parent): \$650  
(\$18.57 per person per day).

Family of six (At least one parent): \$750  
(\$17.85 per person per day).

Family of seven (At least one parent): \$850  
(\$17.35 per person per day)

Family of eight (At least one parent): \$950  
(\$16.96 per person per day)

Family of nine (At least one parent): \$1,050  
(\$16.67 per person per day)

Family of ten (At least one parent): \$1,150  
(\$16.43 per person per day)

## Schedule for Arrival at Camp

Sunday, June 26, 2016 - Arrival at camp: 4 pm

Dinner will be at: 6 pm

Orientation: 7 pm

## Address

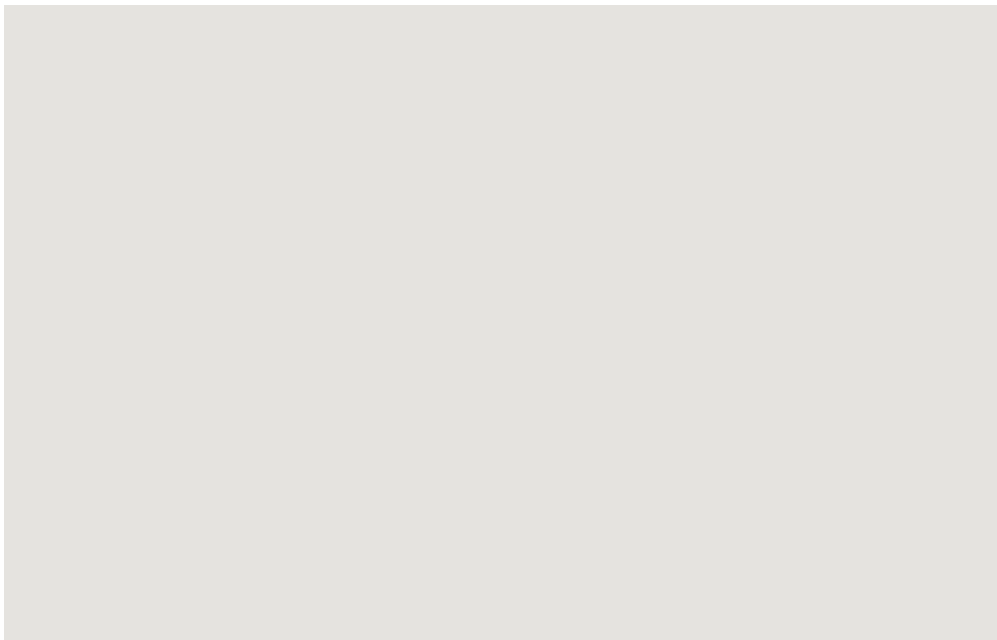
Camp Daddy Allen

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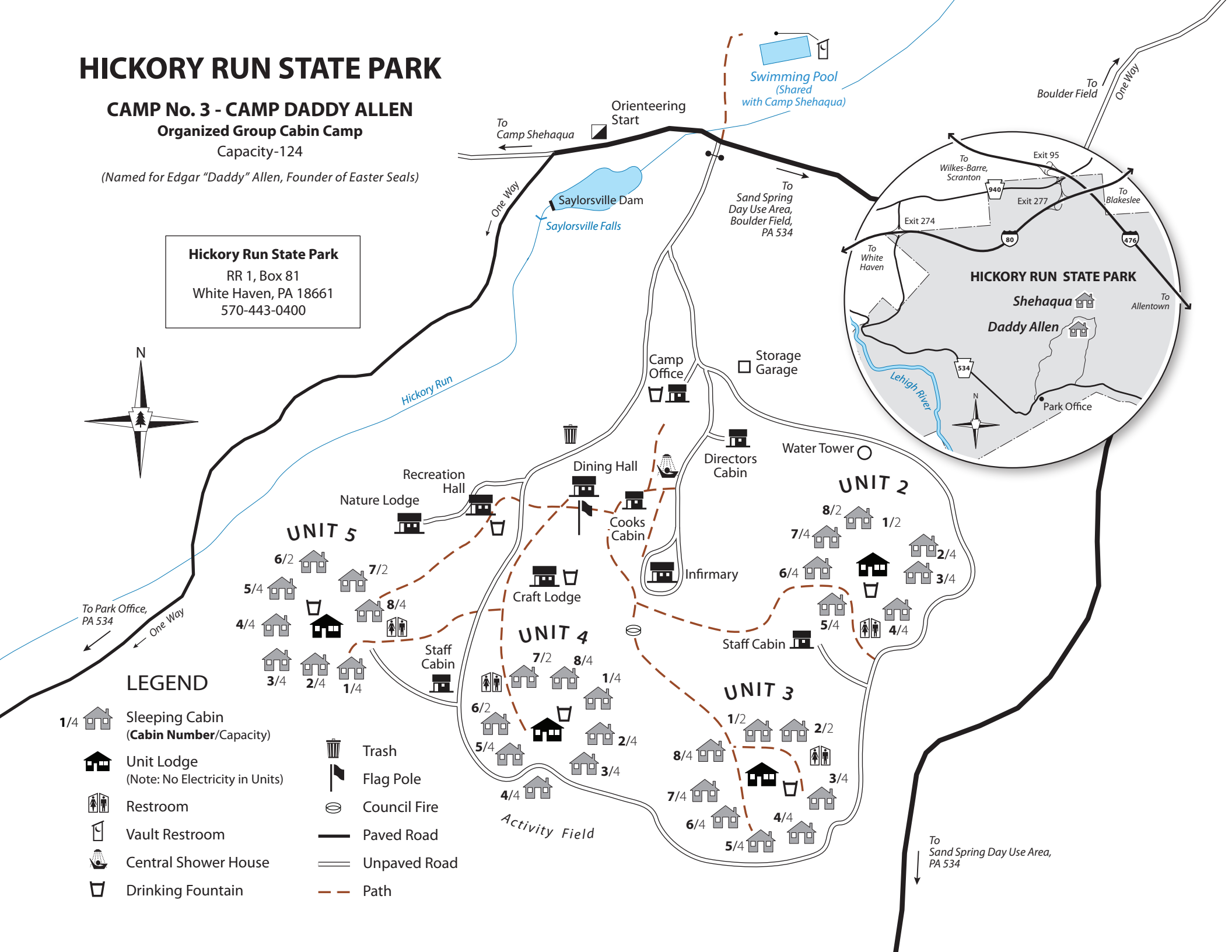
## CAMP No. 3 - CAMP DADDY ALLEN

Organized Group Cabin Camp

Capacity-124

(Named for Edgar "Daddy" Allen, Founder of Easter Seals)

**Hickory Run State Park**  
 RR 1, Box 81  
 White Haven, PA 18661  
 570-443-0400



### LEGEND

- Sleeping Cabin (Cabin Number/Capacity)
- Unit Lodge (Note: No Electricity in Units)
- Restroom
- Vault Restroom
- Central Shower House
- Drinking Fountain
- Trash
- Flag Pole
- Council Fire
- Paved Road
- Unpaved Road
- Path

To Sand Spring Day Use Area, PA 534