

## Greetings from Sanctuary Blessed Life; God's Day, Offering Table and Blessing

Dorit Smith  
January 12, 2017

Dear Parents and Candidates,

### Happy New Year and Happy God's Day on January 28, 2017!

You are welcome to God's Day Midnight Prayer and Offering Table on Friday January 27, starting at 11:30 PM.

The Holy Marriage Blessing to Return to True Father's Authority will be held on January 29, starting at 10 AM, at the Unification Sanctuary in Newfoundland, PA. If you would like to attend or participate remotely via the worldwide internet broadcast, be sure to order your Blessing Kit and register in advance on the [Register for the Blessing](#) page (Sanctuary-pa.org).



### We had a Small but eventful Family Winter Camp with about 33 Matching / Blessing participants and 14 youth, age 11-16, in attendance.

Starting on Thursday, 34 of us went skiing at Big Bear and had lots of fun in the snowfall. Quite a few of us went to the Freedom Society Meeting with Kook Jin Nim in the evening, while the remainder had a fun game of reverse charade to get to know each other better.

On Friday, we studied the Matching Process and God's Journey of Love. Mr. Trevor Newman gave a testimony about matching his three children, and the pains of the process as well as the joy in the end. Dan Hutcherson gave his testimony about being matched by True Father, as well as his Blessing and relationship with his wife. In the afternoon, we all did bush crafting with Shigeru. After dinner, Yeonah Nim shared a testimony about her dogs mating and the male being young and inexperienced, just like it is hard for young couples when they first make love. Jamal facilitated a fun game in the evening.

On Saturday, we talked about Blessing and Couple relationship skills, referring to different books like "Five Love Languages," "Five Languages of Apology," "The First Five Years of Marriage," and "Love and Respect." Jim and Lucy Borer shared about how to prepare for the Blessing, the Three Blessings and the Nine Beatitudes in which Jesus taught about the Three Blessings, as well as a beautiful testimony about how God gave them their adopted daughter and how much love and joy she gave to them and their family. Afterwards, we had a group discussion using the online questions first given to Matching advisers (see on our website under [Matching Education](#)). For lunch, we all cooked sausage, carrots, sweet potatoes, deer meat, and onions outside on our self-made rocket stoves and Swedish Torches; best lunch ever, but we had to work for it. Afterwards, we divided up into teams for bush crafting in the snow, and then we made our own wooden spoons and other crafts, facilitated by Martha Tashiro and Shigeru.

Mrs. Kang gave her testimony (video live on our website under [Testimonies](#)) about the 3 first women who joined and supported True Father in North Korea and also came to South Korea, going through a lot of persecution in doing so. Then Jamal Johnson, Gideon Raucci, Dan Hutchinson, and Rio Tashiro gave a great talk about Cheon Il Guk and the Blessing. We had the Final Reflection and Campfire in the Teepee at midnight.

On Sunday January 1, 2017, we all joined the Cheon Il Goong Palace ("Heaven's Palace") Dedication and Opening Ceremony. On a spring-like New Year's Day, the Unification Sanctuary dedicated Cheon Il

Goong at its mountaintop location overseeing the tri-state intersection of NY/NJ/PA. Hyung Jin Moon, whom True Father anointed as his heir and successor in three public ceremonies in 2009, explained that with this entrance ceremony for the palace, the time in the wilderness after the rebellion of the Han mother was coming to an end.



**An OSDP Workshop will be held at the Unification Sanctuary in Newfoundland, PA, on Saturday January 28, 2017; more details will be announced soon!**

This workshop is a fabulous opportunity to learn – or to strengthen one’s understanding about – the contents of the Divine Principle, which is the ultimate view of life and the universe.

**The next Zoom Call for Matching/ Blessing advocates, or anyone with questions or interest, is on Saturday Jan 14, from 4 PM to 6 PM.**

Send your email to [doritsmith7@gmail.com](mailto:doritsmith7@gmail.com) and I will invite you to the Zoom Call.

**Let us prepare for God’s Day and the 4300 Couples Blessing!**

Sincerely, and may God guide you:

Dorit Smith

[doritsmith7@gmail.com](mailto:doritsmith7@gmail.com)