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To : All Blessed Families

- From : Blessed Family and Education Department
- Refer : International Parents Matching Convocations

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## Please ensure this letter gets passed on to all Blessed Families

Dear Blessed Families,

We would like to invite all Blessed Parents who have children of matching age or younger to our upcoming European Parents Matching Convocation. *Parents of Blessed children* and *parents of Jacob children* are welcome to attend. In addition, Second Generation and Jacob children matching candidates who are twenty-five years old or older are also invited to participate. You will receive a great deal of useful information as well as valuable internal guidance; this will be helpful whether you are preparing to match your children in the future or are already in the process of doing so.

## The Convocation will take place at: The Youth Hostel in Grävenwiesbach, Germany From Friday, 29 November to Sunday, 1 December 2013.

The purpose of the convocation is to support parents in their role of matching their children. True Parents have given this responsibility to the parents, and it is our task as Blessed Families to fulfil the expectation of our True Parents and to establish a right tradition. For this we need to make our full effort and work together well, supporting each other in facing the different challenges, guiding our 2nd Generation well through the matching process and setting the right foundation for their future Blessing.

The Convocation will include plenty of education and guidance on issues relating to the matching and Blessing, including the "Treasures of Heaven" ministry for blessed children with special needs. There will be time set aside to meet and share with other Blessed Families, an aspect that people find so valuable.

At the Convocation there is also a unique opportunity to display photographs and information about your child if he/she a matching candidate and to see the pictures and personal details about other matching candidates from around all over Europe and even from other parts of the world. This may directly help the process of finding a suitable partner for your child.

It is recommended to register early. There are 100 spaces available. There were people who wanted to attend the last convocation but there were not enough places, so they will have priority in being accepted as participants this time.

Please consider whether you would like to display your child's profile (or your own profile if you are a candidate) at the convocation. If you would like to do so, please inform Orlande Schenk by email at <u>orlande@esgd.org</u>. Note that we will only display profiles of candidates who have explicitly expressed their wish to have them displayed. Your profile will not be displayed by us unless you specifically inform us that you would like us to do so.

To ensure that your profile is displayed you have several options:

1. If your candidate is already registered on the International Matching website <u>www.bcmatching.org</u> make sure the profile is updated and inform us of your desire to display his/her profile. We can then print your profile from the website and display it. (If you are not registered, you can use this opportunity to register your candidate on the website. This not only allows you to use the website, but also means that you only have to update your profile and it can be displayed at any future convocation, in Europe or elsewhere, just by letting us know.)

2. If you submitted a Blessing Application, we can also use copies of your Blessing Application (Pictures, Application form and Family Introduction form to display the profile.

3. If neither of the above applies, you can still hand in your own materials: pictures, letters, information for display. Contact information and basic data (name, date of birth, etc.) should be included.

Furthermore, it is particularly helpful if the candidate can fill out the attached questionnaire below and send it to us.

Please send **all information** to us at least one week before the date of the event (deadline: **21 November 2013**), so that we have to time to collate and prepare copies.

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## Parents Matching Convocation – Key information (Summary)

**Invited are:** All Parents of present or future 2nd Generation and Jacob children matching candidates, and those children themselves who are aged 25 and over (born before 30 November 1988).

Dates: 29 November – 1 December 2013

Arrival: by 18:00 on 29 November 2013

Departure: after 14:00 on 1 December 2013

Place: Youth Hostel Grävenwiesbach, Germany, Hasselborner Str. 20, 61279 Grävenwiesbach/Ts., Germany, web: <u>www.djh-essen.de/jh/graevenwiesbach</u>

Cost: 100 EUR for each participant

Workshop directors: David Hanna, Geros Kunkel

**Registration:** online at <u>www.esgd.org</u>

If you have any problem registering online please send an email to Joyce Koetsier at joyce@esgd.org.

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Good to bring: House shoes, notebook, name-cards for contacting, (no sleeping bag necessary).

**Basic travel information:** Airport Frankfurt-Hahn: take the bus to Frankfurt main train station (Hauptbahnhof), from there take the local train to Grävenwiesbach/Ts. Train Station Grävenwiesbach/Ts: the youth hostel is just 2,5km from Grävenwiesbach/Ts train station away. <u>We can arrange a pick up from this train station.</u>

You will receive detailed information about the local travel to the WS site Grävenwiesbach/Ts after registration.

Please feel free to contact us about any questions or issues related to the Parents Matching Convocations. You may also, if you wish, contact our BFED secretary, Liliana Karlsson, or our BFD representative local to Grävenwiesbach, Margaret Staudinger, who both have much experience in this area and can explain more and advise you whether this event is right for you or not. Also, Hans Karlsson deals with matters concerning Jacob children and Lisa Janssen with the Treasures of Heaven area.

We wish you God's guidance and blessing in the matching process and hope that these opportunities and the various tools we are making effort to provide will help you in this important area of parents' responsibility.

Yours sincerely,

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## Additional Questions - to be completed by the candidate whose profile is on display

Please use this page to indicate (to those viewing your profile) any particular, additional points you would like them to be made aware of.

All questions are voluntary; it is fine to leave any of them blank.

- 1. Are there any particular issues to consider regarding the nationality of the person who might be considered as a match for you, or the region they are from?
- 2. Do you have any strong concerns about age difference between you and your possible match?

Could be up to \_\_\_\_\_ years older than me / up to \_\_\_\_\_ years younger than me

3. When do you envisage starting married life?

After \_\_\_\_\_ years / Within \_\_\_\_\_ years

Your reason for this?

4. If you were matched with a person from a different region, would you be willing to move to that region, to live there?

Yes / No : Your reason?

- 5. If the OTHER party has any of the following situations, would you be able to accept them?
  - a. is seeking re-blessing (Yes/No)
  - b. has previously started marriage life (Yes/No)
  - c. has been through a Forgiveness Ceremony (Yes/No)
  - d. has some degree of mental or physical disability (Yes/No)
- 6. Please underline YOUR own status regarding the Blessing
  - a. not blessed previously / blessed previously
  - b. didn't start marriage life / started marriage life
  - c. attended Blessing Workshop / didn't attend Blessing Workshop yet
  - d. did Blessing interview / didn't do Blessing interview yet
- 7. Please mention any other circumstances or requirements that should be taken into consideration.