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MEMO: BFD 2010-08-06

To: District Directors, State & Church Leaders, Blessed Central Families
From: National Blessed Family Department
**Re: REMINDER: PARENTS MATCHING CONVOCATION IN CHICAGO-
AUGUST 13 – 15, 2010**
Date: August 6, 2010

Register by August 8th and Save \$30

This is a final reminder for parents about the third in our series of Parents Matching Convocations (PMCs) this year. The program will be held August 13-15 at the Chicago Family Church on Ashland Avenue in Chicago. One final convocation will be held in New York in November, and will include BC candidates aged 24 and older. Parents can register for the Chicago PMC by clicking the banner on the members' homepage at www.familyfed.org, or visiting www.blessedfamilies.org and clicking the pink PMC registration banner below the login area on the right. Register by Sunday, August 8 and save \$30 on the convocation fee. Convocation details include:

I. Location: The Chicago Family Church

7077 North Ashland Boulevard, Chicago, IL 60626-2724
(773) 274-7441

II. Schedule

Onsite registration opens at 4:00 PM Friday afternoon, August 13th (pre-registering online will save you money and time at the conference registration). Dinner is at 6:00 PM. The program begins at 7:30 that evening, and closes at 1:30 PM on Sunday, August 15th.

III. Who Should Attend

Parents of matching candidates; Blessed siblings of matching candidates are also welcome. Parents of younger BCs are encouraged to attend, to familiarize and educate themselves about the process and their role, and begin developing a family plan for matching their children.

IV. Registration (Meals Included)- Save Money by Registering Early!

The registration fee for this convocation includes the convocation program and materials, a Matching Handbook, and six meals: Friday dinner through Sunday lunch. Participants can save money by registering early. You can now pay directly online by credit card:

- **Pay by August 8th:** \$90/individual; \$150/couple; \$70 for each additional family member
- **Pay after August 8th:** \$120/individual; \$180/couple; \$75 for ea. additional family member

Accommodations are the responsibility of each participant. The Best Western University Plaza Hotel in nearby Evanston, IL offers PMC participants a reduced room rate of \$75 per night.

Register at www.blessedfamilies.org, by clicking on the pink PMC registration banner on the right side, below login, groups and summer camp sign-up. Or visit the members area at www.familyfed.org/members, and click on the PMC banner near the top. Candidate profiles and photos can also be uploaded or updated at the registration site, and should be completed by

August 8th. If you need assistance registering for the PMC, or uploading profiles and photos, contact your district BFD or Email us at BFDAdmin@unification.org.

V. Transportation and Accommodations

Accommodations are the responsibility of each participant. The Best Western University Plaza Hotel, 10 minutes from the PMC site in nearby Evanston, IL, offers rooms at a special rate of \$72 (plus tax) per night. For reservations contact the hotel at (847) 491-6400 and ask for the special PMC rate. Shuttle service will be provided to and from the hotel each day.

Transportation is available from Chicago OHare International Airport (ORD) and Chicago Midway Airport (MDW), for \$10 each way. To request it, complete the attached transportation form with your arrival and departure times and return it to BFDAdmin@unification.org.

VI. Preparing Candidate Profiles

Parents may attend the PMC without displaying a candidate, or can display a candidate without participating in the PMC. But candidates can only be displayed with their permission. No parent should display a candidate or pursue a match without the candidate's agreement.

To be available at the PMC, every candidate and family should do the following:

- A. Complete the candidate profile page at the PMC registration site. This allows candidates to participate in Matchbook, PMCs, or both, and designate a preferred level of accessibility.
- B. Complete the additional 9-question personality profile at the profile page. This is optional for Matchbook participants but required for candidates at the PMC. Candidates should complete these profiles themselves, with the support of their parents.
- C. Upload three good-quality photos at the profile page: one half-length (head & torso) and one full-length of the candidate, and one family photo. The profile and photos are required, and must be uploaded by August 8th for the Chicago PMC. If parents bring photos or profiles to the PMC that require scanning or copying to be displayed, there will be a \$20 charge, and we cannot guarantee how quickly the material will be ready for display.

You can also visit the link below and use one or more of the resources recommended there to more fully understand your adult child's character, and prepare a fuller profile:
http://www.familyfed.org/members/index.php?option=com_content&view=category&layout=blog&id=949&Itemid=626

Be creative! A poem, photo montage or personal story also conveys who you are, and can be added to your profile at the PMC. Parents can also prepare "contact cards" with the candidate's picture and your family's contact info to give to other parents at the PMC.

For additional information visit the registration site, or contact BFDAdmin@unification.org. We look forward to seeing parents in Chicago, and to supporting candidates in the process of matching and Blessing. May God be with you and your family.

Sincerely,



Rev. Phillip Schanker
National Blessed Family Department

GROUND TRANSPORTATION REQUEST

Participant Flight Itinerary

Parents Matching Convocation ♦ Chicago ♦ August 13-15, 2010

Transportation can be provided from Chicago OHare International Airport (ORD) and from Chicago Midway Airport (MDW), for \$10 each way. Complete ALL contact, arrival and departure information, and our PMC staff will contact you with confirmation and instructions.

For questions or clarification, write us at BFAdmin@unification.org

Name:

Home Phone: Cell Phone:

Email:

1. TRANSPORTATION NEEDED FROM ARRIVAL AIRPORT TO PMC:

- Chicago O'Hare International Airport (ORD)
 Chicago Midway Airport (MDW)

Arrival Date: August / /

Arrival Time:

Airline:

Flight #:

Originating from:

Number of passengers needing transportation:

2. TRANSPORTATION NEEDED FROM PMC TO DEPARTURE AIRPORT:

- Chicago O'Hare International Airport (ORD)
 Chicago Midway Airport (MDW)

Departure Date: August / /

Arrival Time:

Airline:

Flight #:

Destination:

Number of passengers needing transportation:

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Email or fax is preferred, or send to: *National BFD, 481 Eighth Ave. Rm. 603, New York, NY 10001*