

# Family Federation for World Peace and Unification North American Headquarters

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To: District Directors, State and Church Leaders, All Blessed Families

From: Blessed Family Department

**Date:** August 31, 2010

RE: DETAILS REGARDING UPCOMING BLESSING WORKSHOPS-

■ 2<sup>ND</sup> GENERATION: SEPTEMBER 17-19 (UTS), OCTOBER 1-3 (LOS ANGELES)

■ 1<sup>ST</sup> GENERATION: SEPTEMBER 24-26 (NY CITY)

For Blessed Children planning to participate in True Parents' matching and Blessing October 6-10, 2010, matched Second Generation couples who plan to be Blessed soon, or BCs intending to begin the parents' matching process soon, two Blessing Workshops are scheduled: at UTS in Barrytown, NY on September 17-19, and in Los Angeles October 1-3. Qualified participants for True Parents' matching can save time and money by joining the LA workshop, and from there fly directly to Korea, to arrive by October 5<sup>th</sup> as directed.

In addition, there will be a workshop in New York City September 24-26 for matched First Generation Unificationists who plan to participate in the October 10<sup>th</sup> Blessing in Korea, or in the USA by internet. Important details about content, participation and registration are explained below:

### THREE LEVELS OF BLESSING EDUCATION FOR SECOND GENERATION

Based upon President In Jin Moon's guidance and direction, an enhanced system of Blessing education is in development, comprised of three distinct levels:

#### I. Introduction to the Blessing

On the basis of earlier character, purity and religious education, this program addresses those 16 and older on the value of the Blessing, the importance of lineage, and practical issues such as "why not date?," the difference between marriage and Blessing, character development, etc.

## II. Preparation for the Matching

Designed for those entering the parents' matching process or attending True Parents' matching, this program helps candidates understand and prepare for the matching process (faith, attitude, character, social skills) for both True Parents' match and the parents' matching process.

### III. Matched Couples' Workshop

Supports matched couples to develop healthy relationships from the "inside-out," building trust and intimacy internally, as the foundation for sexual intimacy in the Blessing. Includes communication skills, resolving conflict, understanding gender differences and expectations...

Additional programs will be developed in the coming months for Blessed couples, including internal guidance, relationship-building, parenting skills, and more.

The September 17<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup> and October 1<sup>st</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup> workshops will be <u>level two workshops</u> (matching preparation), but will also address matched couples, and will fulfill the requirement for all Blessing candidates to complete a Blessing Workshop no more than two years prior to their Blessing.

Candidates for True Parents' matching must attend one of these workshops, regardless of their previous Blessing education [participants in LA October 1-3 can leave directly for Korea].

The First Generation Workshop September 24<sup>th</sup>-26<sup>th</sup> is a general Blessing workshop for matched adult Unificationists planning to participate in the October 10, 2010 Blessing.

### WORKSHOP REGISTRATION AND DEADLINES:

Participants can register online for all three workshops in the members' area on the Familyfed website, or directly by clicking on the following link:

www.familyfed.org/members/index.php?option=com\_chronocontact&chronoformname=bless ing\_workshop\_2010&Itemid=773

Workshop fees are \$120 per participant for the UTS and NYC workshops (to cover costs), and will be somewhat less (under \$100) for the LA workshop. Fees must be paid at the time of registration at the workshop. However, participants should submit an application form no later than September 14<sup>th</sup> for UTS workshop, September 22<sup>nd</sup> for the First Generation workshop in NYC, or September 27<sup>th</sup> for the Los Angeles workshop.

## **WORKSHOP SCHEDULES and LOCATIONS:**

FOR BLESSED CHILDREN:

# September 17-19, 2010 at UTS in Barrytown, NY, and Manhattan Center, NY, NY

Workshop begins Friday, Sept. 17<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 PM and ends Sunday, Sept. 19<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 PM. Program includes the Lovin' Life Worship Service with Senior Pastor Rev. In Jin Moon.

## October 1-3, 2010 in Los Angeles- location to be announced

Workshop begins Friday, Oct. 1<sup>st</sup> at 5:00 PM and ends Sunday, October 3<sup>rd</sup> at 2:00 PM. For those traveling to Korea for the matching, lodging Sunday night and airport transportation will be provided as needed. Matching participants should arrive in Korea by October 5<sup>th</sup>.

#### FOR FIRST GENERATION BLESSING PARTICIPANTS:

<u>September 24-26, 2010 at the Lovin' Life Learning Center, 4 W. 43<sup>rd</sup> Street, New York, NY</u> Workshop begins Friday, Sept. 24<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 PM and <u>ends Sunday, Sept. 26<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 PM</u>. Program includes the Lovin' Life Worship Service with Senior Pastor Rev. In Jin Moon.

**GROUND TRANSPORTATION:** For the workshops at UTS and in Los Angeles, some limited transportation will be available to and from the workshop sites as follows:

<u>UTS (SEPTEMBER 24-26)-</u> from the Rhinecliff/Kingston Station (Amtrak) to UTS upon arrival. From UTS to Manhattan Sunday morning, and back to UTS at the workshop close.

**LOS ANGELES (OCTOBER 1-3)-** from local airports to the workshop site upon arrival, and back at the workshop close. For those traveling to Korea, lodging Sunday night and airport transportation will be provided as needed.

Those needing ground transportation should indicate this on the online registration form, include your Email address and we will send you a detailed transportation form. For questions or additional information, contact BFDadmin@unification.org, or your district BFD. May God bless you.

Sincerely,

Rev. Phillip Schanker Blessed Family Department Unification Church- USA