

BFM Webinar - The Family Matching Process - Wednesday, July 6, 2011 8:00 PM EST

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To: District Directors, State & Church Leaders, all Members and Blessed Families

- From: National Blessed Family Ministry (BFM)
- Re: MARRIAGE & FAMILY WEBINAR 4: CREATING A LEGACY OF LOVE: Understanding the Family Matching Process Wednesday, July 6, 2011, 9:30 PM EST [6:30 PM PST]

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We are excited to announce the fourth Blessed Family Ministry National Webinar for couples, counselors and pastors. The upcoming class will also be valuable for young people preparing for or interested in the matching process. It will take place on Wednesday, July 6, 2011 at 9:30 PM EST (New York time), 6:30 PM PST (California time). The topic is "Creating a Legacy of Love: Understanding the Family Matching Process." Our presenters are Rev. Phillip Schanker, director of the National Blessed Family Ministry, and Mrs. Marjorie Buessing, co-District Pastor and BFM coordinator for New England, senior matching advisor and co-author of the Family Matching Handbook.

When True Parents bequeathed to parents the responsibility of matching our children, Father assured us, "You are all able to do the matching, because God, who is supporting me, is also supporting you, just the same." Still, many parents feel challenged by this responsibility, while others have gone forward with simple faith, only to discover unanticipated challenges, or realize that they should have prepared this or that point more carefully. Young people have lots of questions about the process, and some struggle to have confidence in it. The Family Matching Handbook was developed based upon the lessons learned from successful matchings, as well as the mistakes made that brought heartache or disappointment to some in the process. The healthy and reasonable parent-centered, candidate-involved approach that it outlines is being heartily welcomed by candidates and parents alike. This webinar will outline important aspects of the family matching process, provide ideas and resources to support it, and address common areas of misunderstanding and confusion for candidates and parents.

This class will be presented in a webinar format. The presentation will be given in the first 50-60 minutes of the webinar, with Q & A and discussion to follow. Participants should have a computer with speakers and online access, to see and hear the presentation, videos, and discussion. During the class, questions can be submitted verbally or typed in. To register and participate in the webinar, go to https://www1.gotomeeting.com/register/657740952. You will receive instructions on how to access the webinar and participate in the class, as well as a reminder about the schedule.

Stay tuned for the schedule of future classes. We appreciate your support of our district BFMs in their work to strengthen our families and spread the breaking news of True Parents' love through the Blessing. With warm best wishes,

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