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Final Reminder: Parents Matching Convocation Nov. 18-20 at UTS in Barrytown, NY

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To: District Directors, State & Church Leaders, Blessed Central Families
From: National Blessed Family Ministry
Re: Parents' Matching Convocation at UTS- November 18-20, 2011
Final Reminder & Information for Participating Candidates 24 & Older
Date: November 4, 2011

Register Now and Save!

We wish to remind you about a new and improved, educational and inspiring conference for parents to learn about and prepare for supporting their children in the matching process. The last **Parents Matching Convocation (PMC)** of 2011 will be held November 18-20 at the UTS Conference Center in Barrytown, NY. Blessed Children who are 24 years or older are welcome to participate, and will meet in separate sessions to learn more about the process and how to prepare, and take a more active role in their own search for a partner. Important details and guidance for participating candidates follow. For further information, or to register, visit the www.familyfed.org members' homepage and click on the PMC banner, or go to www.blessedfamilies.org and click the pink PMC banner below the login area on the right.

NOTE: Candidate profiles from 2010 or before must be updated, or you must contact us at BFDadmin@unification.org, or they will not be made available at the PMC. See number VI below.

I. Registration

Registration for the PMC is \$130 per person, \$210 per couple, and \$80 for each additional family member, until November 16th. This includes conference materials, meals and a Family Matching Handbook. Candidates 24 and older attending individually pay a special rate of \$80. There are higher fees for registration after November 16th. For further information visit the online registration site.

II. Schedule

Onsite registration opens at 4:00 PM Friday November 18th (pre-registering online will save you money and time at the conference registration). Dinner is at 6:00 PM, and the program begins with Orientation at 7:30 that evening, and closes at 2:00 PM on Sunday, November 20th in Barrytown.

III. Participating BC Candidates 24 Years and Older

The program is designed for education more than social networking. BC participants will join the main plenary sessions, and meet separately during breakout sessions, with opportunities for personal guidance from matching advisors. You can view profiles and meet other parents attending the PMC.

IV. Translation and Special Session for Japanese Participants

There will be translation available for Japanese participants for plenary sessions, and a special session for Japanese participants. Be sure to bring radios.

V. Accommodations

Accommodations are the responsibility of each participant. For housing choices at UTS and further information, visit the online registration site.

VI. How to Prepare or Update Candidate Profiles

IMPORTANT: Candidate profiles from 2010 or before will NOT be displayed at the PMC unless you update them or contact us at bfdadmin@unification.org. We strongly recommend profiles be updated and improved, with your adult child's permission and participation. We will not display any old profiles unless we have heard from the candidate that they wish to be displayed.

Parents may attend the PMC without displaying a candidate. Candidates can also be displayed at the PMC without their parents being present. But candidates can only be displayed with their permission and involvement. No parent should attempt to display their adult child as a candidate or pursue a match without the candidate's involvement.

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 will allow candidates to participate in Matchbook, PMCs, or both, and to designate their 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. NOTE: Unless all 9 questions are answered, the profile cannot be printed for display.
- 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, but do not necessarily need to be uploaded at the time of registration. They must be uploaded by **November 11th.** 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.
Some other good ideas for preparing candidate profiles for the PMC:

- 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 at the PMC and to supporting candidates in the process of matching and Blessing.

May God be with you and your family.

Sincerely,



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