

Level 2 Blessing Workshop -- August 12-14, 2012 -- Barrytown, NY

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To District Pastors, Community Leaders and Blessed Central Families

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LEVEL 2 BLESSING WORKSHOP: "Finding My Ideal Partner" August 12-14, 2012 at the UTS Conference Center in Barrytown, NY

With the strong emphasis of our National President and Senior Pastor, Reverend In Jin Moon, upon Blessed Children's education and the importance of maturity and preparation for the Blessing, an enhanced system of Blessing education is in development, comprised of three distinct levels. By popular demand a "Level II" Blessing workshop, "Finding My Ideal Partner," will be held from Sunday evening, August 12 through Tuesday afternoon, August 14 at the UTS Conference Center in Barrytown, NY. This program will immediately follow the Blessed Culture and Sports Festival from August 8-12 at UTS, which will conclude with Lovin' Life Worship Service on Sunday, August 12th, also planned to take place at UTS.

This program is designed for those 18 and older, who are preparing to enter the matching process, or those 17 and above hoping to attend any future matching conducted by True Parents. Its purpose is to help candidates understand and prepare for the matching process, to consider when is the right time to begin, and to develop a clear plan in cooperation with their parents. Previous attendance to a Level 1 "Ideal of the Blessing" workshop is helpful, but not required at this time. While attendance at a level 2 workshop is a requirement to participate in the Blessing, young adults should attend because they want to. It is <u>not</u> recommended that parents push or force their children to attend.

Additional "Level I," "Level II" and "Level III" (for engaged and newly Blessed couples) programs may take place locally later this year. In addition, materials for Levels I and II are being developed for small group study, online education, and local workshops around the country.

REGISTRATION AND DEADLINES

Participants can register online at the BFD webpage in the members' area on the Familyfed website, at www.familyfed.org/bfd, or directly by clicking on the following link:

http://events.constantcontact.com/register/event?llr=butvqyeab&oeidk=a07e63xa69o129e2b14

The early bird workshop fee is \$120 per participant (to cover costs), and can be paid at the time of registration at the workshop. However, participants must register no later than July 27th to obtain the early bird price. The fee for those who register after July 27th, or at the workshop itself, is \$150.

WORKSHOP SCHEDULE AND LOCATION

The program will begin at UTS on Sunday, August 12th. Registration begins at 4:30 PM. Dinner is at

6:00 PM, and the official program begins at 7:00 PM. The workshop will conclude at 2:00 PM on Tuesday, August 14th.

TRANSPORTATION

The best way to reach UTS is by car, and ample parking is available. For those coming by air, bus or train, please be aware that the program begins in Barrytown, but ends in Manhattan. Transportation is available from Newark, La Guardia and JFK airports to within one block from 43rd Street, for around \$12 one-way, and Airtrain service is also available to Manhattan from Newark and JFK.

There is Amtrak train service from Penn Station in Manhattan to the Rhinecliff/Kingston station near Barrytown. We will provide transportation from the Rhinecliff/Kingston train station to UTS Conference Center on Sunday, August 12th. Please indicate on the online registration form if you would like transportation from Rhinecliff/Kingston station.

The Albany, NY airport is just over a 1-hour drive from Barrytown, and often has low cost flights available from around the country. We will also arrange transportation and shared rides for all participants to Manhattan from UTS on Sunday morning.

Further details will follow. For questions or registration assistance, contact BFDadmin@unification.org, or your district BFD.

May God bless you.

Sincerely,

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