

# National Blessing Workshop for First-Generation Candidates -- August 17-19, 2012 -- Barrytown, NY

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To District Pastors, Community Leaders, Blessed Central Families

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## NATIONAL BLESSING WORKSHOP FOR FIRST-GENERATION CANDIDATES August 17-19, 2012 at UTS Conference Center in Barrytown, NY

This is another reminder that the National Blessing Workshop for first-generation Matching Candidates will begin at 12:00 Noon on Friday, August 17th at the Barrytown Conference Center, and conclude Sunday, August 14th at 3:30 PM in Manhattan, following Worship Service, ballroom dancing and activities. More details on the program are as follows:

### WHO SHOULD PARTICIPATE

This "Level 2" workshop is not general education for anyone curious about the Blessing. It is for First Generation matching candidates: those who are aged 20 or older, have been a Unification Church member for at least one year, and have completed the application and interview process for becoming a candidate, or will complete that soon. Young adults of our "Jacob Generation," who grew up in our church, are most welcome, as well as older Unificationists preparing for the matching.

### **REGISTRATION** and Deadlines

Participants can register online at the BFM 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=a07e63x9h9zd62dad78

The "Early Bird" workshop fee is \$130 for those who register by July 29th, \$150 for those who register after that date, and \$160 for those who register at the door (walk-in). The appropriate fee can be paid in advance by check, or at the time of registration at the workshop. However, participants must register by the appropriate deadlines.

#### 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 Friday, August 17th. 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

For questions or registration assistance, contact BFDadmin@unification.org, or your district BFM. Our Senior Pastor and national staff look forward to welcoming our precious Blessing candidates to New York, Blessing education, and the live Lovin' Life experience!

May God bless you.

Sincerely,

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