FFWPU Europe – European Second Generation Blessing Department

Cosmic Blessing in Korea, 27th August 2018

Information for Blessed Children candidates in Europe & Middle East

This Memo contains information about the upcoming Cosmic Blessing in Korea. It explains how to make your Blessing Application, if you have not done so, and ALSO how to register for the 2018 Cosmic Blessing in Korea – these are two separate processes. At the end of this letter is a summary of the main points to assist you in completing all the requirements.

Dear Blessed Families,

We would like to inform you about the upcoming Blessing in 2018 which will take place in Korea.

The Blessing day itself is scheduled for August 27th **2018.** This memo is for the attention of Second and Third Generation *matched* couples.

All European Blessed Children who wish to attend this Blessing are asked to **REGISTER** with the European Blessed Children Blessing Department **as soon as possible**, so that we can prepare and inform you with further details of the upcoming Blessing.

Please register your details online via the Blessing 2018 Registration Form

Once you are registered, we will be able to communicate with you and provide you with updates and further details.

The deadline for registering for this year's Blessing is the 15th of July 2018.

MAKING INTERNAL PREPARATION

We encourage all those applying for the Blessing to take time to reflect on the meaning of the Blessing and to prepare seriously for it. True Parents have established the Cheon-Il-Guk standard for receiving the Blessing. All Second Generation should prepare and be guided towards the Blessing according to this standard, which is as follows:

• Blessing candidates must be pure. Any mistakes in the sexual area should be resolved prior to the matching and blessing.

- Blessing candidates should be willing to cross cultural, national and racial boundaries.
- Blessing candidates must be committed to keeping the Blessing for eternity to love his/her spouse and build a God-centered family together.
- Blessing candidates should be willing to lead a life for others as a couple after the Blessing.

REQUIREMENTS TO ATTEND THE BLESSING - FOR ALL BLESSED CHILDREN

You will have to have completed your Blessing Application. You do this by registering on our new Blessing Application Website and uploading all the necessary information related to yourself.

Do this at: <u>www.blessingapplication.eu</u>

- a) Required information and documents you can upload online:
 - 1. Second Generation Blessing Application Form
 - 2. Second Generation Matching Report Form
 - 3. Family Introduction Form
 - 4. Blessing Interview Form*
 - 5. Blessing Pictures
 - 6. HIV / AIDS test

Blessing interview*

As mentioned above, it is important that we prepare well internally for the Blessing. Please contact the Blessed Family Department (BFD) Leader in your nation to conduct the Blessing interview. Please contact us if you do not know who your national BFD leader is. If you need to resolve any issues in the area of purity, please consult BFD staff and be open to be guided in your spiritual path in order to set the right conditions to be able to participate in the matching and Blessing process.

b) Further conditions

- Complete a 7-day fast
- Attend a Blessing Preparation Workshop (no more than 2 years old)

- Offer the Blessing fee:

West, Central and North Europe	1400 USD/ 1160 EUR
Eastern and South Europe	1000 USD/ 830 EUR
Re-Blessing Candidate (if they paid their original Blessing fee)	600 USD/ 500 EUR

This fee includes the Blessing donation and the participation fee for your time in Korea which covers meals, accommodation and transport during the Blessing Programme. The Blessing fee should <u>only</u> be paid to the European Second Generation Blessing Department (see bank details below) and should be paid before attending the Blessing. Payment can be made in cash (in Korea) or can also be electronically transferred at least ONE week **before** the Blessing event.

BANK DETAILS

(for those who wish to make a transfer)

Bank:	Frankfurter Sparkasse
Account Holder:	FFWPU Europe, Nassauerstr. 14, 65795 Hattersheim am Main
IBAN:	DE74 5005 0201 0200 4451 38
BIC:	HELADEF1822

Please put as the reason for payment "Blessing 2018" and include your NAME", for example: "Blessing 2018: John Smith"

If you have any other questions related to the application or registration process, please contact Orlande Schenk directly at: <u>orlande@esgd.org</u>

IMPORTANT NOTE

Please remember, only qualified candidates who have completed the Blessing Application in time and received **approval from the European Second Generation Blessing Department** will be able to attend. If you are uncertain about or have any questions regarding your personal situation, please email Orlande Schenk (orlande@esgd.org) personally. (Please include all appropriate information so that we can understand your personal situation as much as possible before responding.)

FURTHER INFORMATION FOR ALL PARTICIPANTS

• Information regarding international couples

If you are matched to a candidate from another continent; please make sure that you each follow the application process from your respective regions, and do so in good time. Please ensure that both Blessing Departments (yours and that of your match) have been informed about your matching (by completing the Matching Report Form).

• Information regarding Cheon II Guk / True Parents Matchings

At this time there are **no plans** for a CIG matching before the upcoming Blessing. Therefore, all Second and Third Generation couples in attendance of the 2018 Blessing will be couples matched by their parents. If there are any changes to this, a separate memo will be sent out.

• Participating in Korea in the Blessing

Please be aware that all Second and Third Generation are encouraged and expected to receive the blessing directly from True Parents in Korea. If you have strong reasons why it would not be possible for you to participate in Korea (for example, a health reason or a visa issue), please contact the Second Generation Blessing staff at <u>blessing@esgd.org</u>

• Concerning Travel

As stated, the Blessing itself will be on August 27th 2018.

For all Blessed Children participating in the Korea Blessing there will be a programme arranged for you in Korea from the 25th to the 29th of August 2018.

IMPORTANT:

Therefore, when booking your travel to Korea, please follow this guide:

Arrive latest on August 25th and depart earliest on August 29th 2018.

Pick up from the airport, accommodation, meals and ground transportation for the duration of the official programme will be covered for Blessing participants. Parents or family members who also wish to attend during this time must also register, if they want to join the programme, but will need to pay for their costs. Details will follow.

Once your flights have been booked, please fill in the online

Blessing 2018 Travel & Accommodation form

Parents and any other family members who are planning to attend the event are also asked to fill the Travel Form above. Please note that pick up and drop off to the airports can only be guaranteed for those arriving in Korea on the 25th of August and departing on the 29th of August 2018. Outside of these times, you will be expected to arrange your own transport.

• Blessing Rings

In previous years, there has been the option to purchase Blessing rings either in advance or at the Blessing accommodation in Korea. This information will be sent to registered candidates as soon as it is made available.

Blessing Workshops

We will hold the next European Blessing preparation WS in Hopeaniemi Resort, Finland June 7^{th} – 10^{th} 2018. You will find more information at

https://bfedeu.org/events/european-blessingpreparation-ws/

This will be the last European Blessing preparation WS before the August 2018 Blessing. Your last Blessing Workshop should not be older than 2 years old.

If you have any questions, please feel free to be in touch with us. We wish you all the best with your preparations and look forward to celebrating with you as you embark on your exciting journey as a Blessed couple!

Yours sincerely,

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European Second Generation Blessing Department

SUMMARY OF BLESSING APPLICATION PROCEDURE FOR BLESSED CHILDREN CANDIDATES

Register online, via the <u>Blessing 2018 Registration Form</u>

Please do this as soon as you have made the decision to attend the Blessing – to help with our planning and so that you can receive further updates.

- 1) Complete the full Blessing Application (see checklist below)
- Please upload all necessary information on our Blessing Application Website: <u>www.blessingapplication.eu</u>

Required information and Documents

- Second Generation Blessing Application Form
- Second Generation Matching Report Form
- Family Introduction Form
- Blessing Interview Form
- Blessing Pictures
- HIV / AIDS test

Further conditions

- 7 day Fast
- Blessing Preparation WS (no more than 2 years old)
 Participation in extended education: 21 day Workshop

 Candidates must be at least 18 years old.
- Blessing fee

Please provide all Blessing Application Forms, documents and information via the Blessing Application Website by the <u>1st July 2018 at the latest</u>.

- 3) Book your travel to arrive in Korea on August 25th, at the latest and depart on August 29th 2018, at the earliest.
- Once your flights have been booked, fill in the <u>Blessing 2018 Travel & Accommodation form</u> Parents and other family members attending the Blessing are asked to fill in this form as well.

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