

Tuesday, December 5, 2023

Dear Leaders, Pastors and Blessed Families,

As you know, our True Mother is preparing for a Grand Entrance Ceremony into Cheon Won Gung in the Spring of 2025. True Mother's activities are all geared towards that momentous event, which is why she has given us the Cheon Shim Won (CSW), so that we may cleanse and prepare ourselves to be a part of that momentous day. As part of that event, there will be a HJ Cosmic Blessing Ceremony.

Additionally, in the hope of reviving the early spirit of our movement, True Mother really wants us to work together with her in raising up young leaders and bequeathing everything to the second and third generations, by giving them opportunities to experience Heavenly Parent's heart in incredible ways through missionary work. To launch the providence of Cheon II Guk missionaries at the world level, a Missionary Blessing Ceremony is being organized for young missionaries on February 17th, 2024 in Cheon Jeong Gung, Korea. Please refer to the memo from International BFD for more details.

Below are the guidelines for those who would like to join the February 2024 Blessing:

#### 1) Couples who are already matched

For couples who have already had a commitment ceremony (or are planning to have one in the next month), the conditions are that at least one of the partners must:

- a) Be currently engaged in a mission OR be willing to begin an overseas mission in 2024. **OR**
- b) Have completed at least a one year missionary program **OR**
- c) Be currently engaged in a public mission OR have done at least two years public mission in the past (only full time work will be accepted, not part-time).

#### 2) For Singles who would like to receive a match

True Mother would also like us to support the parents of single missionaries who are looking for a spouse for their child who is dedicating their life to God's will. Therefore, a Parents Matching Committee is being set up in Korea to offer matching suggestions.

To apply to receive a matching suggestion, the adult child (21+) must either currently be a missionary OR must have a desire to be blessed to be a public missionary.



All the families that wish to apply must fill out <u>this form</u> and have an interview with their local pastor. The form needs to be submitted to <u>bfmadmin@unification.org</u> by December 22nd. The child must also become a fully qualified candidate by Jan 15th by filling out and submitting the applications <u>here</u>.

During the application period, families are asked to make sincere devotions of prayer, bowing HDH, etc. to prepare their child to receive a match prepared by our Heavenly Parent.

If you receive a matching suggestion, the families and adult children should communicate well. This will be a very short time period to consider a match, so a lot of effort will be needed to ask important questions and to clarify everything. You can use <u>this document</u> as a resource, or you can also reach out to a matching supporter or the BFM for support in this.

Note that no one is obligated to accept such a match and may politely decline at any time. We recognize that this is a great leap of faith. If the candidates mutually accept the match, please report it <u>here</u> and additionally to <u>bfmadmin@unification.org</u>.

Please refer to the <u>memo</u> for more details. Additionally, you will find a "2024 Missionary Blessing Ceremony" <u>landing page</u> on the BFM website where those who can attend this Blessing can sign up to indicate their intention. We will host our first information session on Wednesday, December 13th at 8pm EST. Please <u>sign up</u> to receive the Zoom link.

Should you have any questions regarding application process, please contact us at: <u>bfmadmin@unification.org</u>. For any other questions, please contact:

- 1. Carina Mendez <u>cmendez@unifcation.org</u> (for matched and single candidates)
- 2. Andrea Kuhn <u>akuhn@unification.org</u> (for intergenerational couples and re-blessing candidates)

Please forward this letter to all the families in your community.

Thank you for your support!

Carina Mendez Blessing Ministry Director USA

Andrea Kuhn Blessing Ministry Director Canada

## Announcement about the Next HJ Cosmic Blessing



The Next HJ Cosmic Blessing will take place along with the Entrace Ceremony of the Cheon Won Gung Palace in Spring 2025!

> In preparation for the 2025 Festivities there will be a Missionary Blessing Ceremony on February 17, 2024





Learn More at:



bfm.familyfed.org/next-blessing-2024-25

### **Parents Matching Application for Youth Missionaries**

# 1. Candidate Family Information (Please register full details on the matching website <a href="https://bcmatching.org">https://bcmatching.org</a> )

Candidate Information	Name: Languages spoken:				
	Sex: Male Female	Date of Birth: year month day			
	Country of birth:	Country of residence:			
Information about Candidate's Parents	Name of Father:	Nationality:	Country of residence:		
	Name of Mother:	Nationality:	Country of residence:		
	Blessing Information:	Blessing Group:	Couples (Year )		
	Email address:				
Section 1	<ul> <li>( ) Family of an unmarried young missionary</li> <li>( ) Family hoping for an unmarried young missionary as a spouse for their child</li> </ul>				
Section 2	<ul> <li>( ) Completed regional Blessing candidate qualifications</li> <li>( ) Will complete candidate qualifications by January 2024</li> </ul>				

## 2. Church leader must complete the section below after consulting with the candidate's family.

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Reasons for recommending this child as a candidate from this family	Conditions the candidate's family hopes for in a potential spouse's family

Our family is applying to the Parents Matching Committee for the matching recommendations being offered for young missionaries, and consents to cooperate with the assigned public officials in participating in the parents matching preparation process.

**Director of Regional HQ Blessed Family Department** 

Family Federation for World Peace and Unification							
Church	Leader		(Signature)				
Year	Month	Day	Family Representative	(Signature)			

### The Conversation Period

#### Suggestions for the Conversation Period

When you have completed the first 21 days - the "introduction" period, and have decided you want to continue to get to know each other more deeply couples can begin the next "phase" of the conversation - the communication phase. You are still getting to know each other, and should take the full 7 months for that to develop and grow together in your relationship.

The reason we encourage taking a 7 month period of time to get to know each other is because problems and situations will arise that may be unexpected, and you will need to understand each other well before making a commitment to become a matched couple. We also suggest doing this in 21 day periods of communication and evaluating where you are at at the end of each 21 day segment.

As you continue to get to know each other, the most important point is to build trust, slowly and sensitively while continuing to protect your heart.

And, as you continue to relate, you may discover issues in your character or pain from the past or aspects of your character that are not yet healed, or bad habits that you have not yet dealt with. When these arise it will be important to recognize them and figure out how to deal with them in a healthy way. Honesty is critical in developing your relationship.

Here are some suggestions that can be helpful; some of them you are likely already doing:

- 1. If you have not already signed up to MatchNet, consider doing that right away and become a Candidate as soon as possible.
- 2. Consider supporting each other and working through <u>MatchNet</u> step by step together.
- 3. We suggest doing prayer & Hoon Dok Kwe conditions, perhaps in 21 day segments together if you can, but separately on your own is good too; read TP words and discuss the points you have read. This does not have to be a long reading, as short readings can be just as meaningful.
- 4. We suggest participating in Dr Yong's Morning Devotion; below are some options for this. The most important point is that God is at the center of your relationship as it develops:

#### THREE MORNING DEVOTION OPTIONS:

6 AM Pacific Time: <u>WEST COAST Morning Devotion zoom link</u> (passcode: 2027)

6 AM Eastern Time: Morning devotions zoom link LIVE with Dr Yong

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#### Morning devotion recordings by Dr Yong: at this link

- 5. Dr Yong suggests sharing points of appreciation and these would be good to do, perhaps you will want to communicate them to each other, but whatever you decide is fine; we recommend writing them down every day in a Journal!
- 6. You may already have <u>these 41 questions</u> but they are important to discuss and clarify each of them; some will be pretty quick and straightforward, and some will be more challenging and will take effort to communicate to each other how you feel.
- 7. Be sure to check the resources on <u>BFM.familyfed.org</u> under the matching tab and watch the "How We Met" series and the blogs that are there; there will be some points discussed that you may want to talk about with each other. It will also be helpful to watch some of the other video recordings and you can watch together or independently as you decide:
- 8. You may have read some of these, but these can be very helpful resources:
  - Real Love, and Real Love in Dating; Dr Greg Baer
  - 5 Love Languages; Gary Chapman
  - 101 questions to ask before you get engaged; H Norman Wright
  - Men are from Mars, Women are from Venus; John Grey
- 9. Do virtual activities together:
  - cook the same meal (or different!) together and then eat together,
  - Watch a movie together (virtual only!) and discuss it after
- 10. As your conversation continues, **it will be important to think about meeting in person when it is possible**. It is also important to meet each other's families.
- 11. During time together be careful to choose activities which allow interaction; avoid going out to movies together and be careful of time alone so that there will not be temptation; <u>here is a guideline addressing physical closeness</u>.
- 12. Be aware that you will have some disagreements; all couples do. The most important is to develop skills and techniques to resolve them. One or both of you may need a short time to cool off, reflect, and then sincerely discuss what was the cause and how important that cause was in your relationship. **Most disagreements are not over meaningful points**.
- 13. BE CAREFUL about communication during times of stress; if you have a big project or work or studies are intense for some reason, or other issues arise, be sure to let

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each other know you are stressed or may even need to take a few days to focus on an intense project (exams during College could be an example or a particularly difficult project at work)

This is a beginning! We encourage you to go slowly and continue building trust. And remember you have a support team who are there for you. Parents, Matching Supporters, family and friends; **BUT be sure to share with those who will support you in a healthy way, not criticize or just "take your side in an argument" because they are your friend. Consult with objective people you trust.** 

# Heavenly Parent's Holy Community Family Federation for World Peace and Unification

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#### Ref. No. FFWPUI 2023-165

- To : Cheon Eui Won Chairs, Regional Chairs, Regional Presidents, Subregional Presidents, National Presidents
- Cc : Heads of Providential Organizations, Personnel-in-charge in Regional and Subregional Headquarters
- From : Heavenly Parent's Holy Community Family Federation for World Peace and Unification International Headquarters (FFWPU IHQ)
- Date : 10.19 by the Heavenly Calendar in the 11<sup>th</sup> Year of Cheon II Guk (December 1, 2023)
- Re. : 2024 Special Blessing Ceremony for Young Missionaries and Support for Parents' Matching

May Heavenly Parent and True Parents' blessing and love accompany you in all your endeavors.

True Parents have emphasized the importance of nurturing future generations of leaders and of public service the Cheon II Guk young missionaries and said that they will give the Blessing to engaged couples among the youth missionaries and assign them to a mission.

True Mother established Cheon II Guk young missionary programs from 2014, and youth missionaries have been active in mission programs such as the Cheon II Guk youth missionaries, GPA, HJST, Hyojeong-rang, EMP, HJ-YLT, STF and other such programs in the various regions. Mother also gave the name "Heavenly Top Gun" to the cadets who will graduate from SunMoon UPA (Universal Peace Academy) in 2024 and who will go out to do missionary work, and blessed this process to become an official model course for future generations.

The next general Blessing Ceremony is scheduled to be held in the spring of 2025 along with the Entrance Ceremony to Cheon Won Gung and the Cheon II Sanctum. No general Blessing Ceremony is scheduled for 2024. However, we are announcing a Special Blessing Ceremony for Young Missionaries to be held early in 2024, together with support for parents' matching for the sake of the youth missionaries. We ask the regional headquarters to identify potential candidates and report based on the information below.

#### 1. Overview of Special Blessing Ceremony for Young Missionaries

- A. Title: Special Blessing Ceremony for Young Missionaries 2024
- **B.** Date: Saturday, February 17, 2024 (1.8 by the Heavenly Calendar in the 12<sup>th</sup> year of Cheon II Guk)
- C. Location: Cheon Jeong Gung, Korea
- **D.** Participants: If either one of a couple (whose engagement is confirmed) meets at least one of the following conditions, the couple may attend the Blessing Ceremony.
  - 1) Is currently engaged in missionary work or can begin overseas missionary work in 2024
  - 2) Has done missionary work under a regional missionary program
  - 3) Is currently doing a public mission or has done two years of public mission work

#### 2. Support for Parents Matching for Young Missionaries

**A. Purpose:** Parents matching for active young missionaries: mutual recommendations between families based on the parents matching tradition inherited from True Parents.

#### **B.** Those Who May Apply:

- 1) Families with a son or daughter who is an unmarried young missionary (please refer to number 1. D. above)
- 2) Families hoping for an unmarried young missionary as a spouse for their son or daughter

#### C. Qualifications for Application:

1) Has completed regional Blessing candidate qualifications, or

2) Will complete candidate qualifications by January 2024 (may apply in this case)

#### **D.** Parent Matching Support Process:

- 1) Consultation: Parents and children consult with the church leader and submit an application form (Regional HQ BFD)
- 2) Devotions: Parents and child together plan and carry out devotions (prayer etc.) in order to welcome a match prepared by God.
- 3) Recommendation: The Parents Matching Committee will recommend potential matches to the families after 8 days of devotions are concluded.
- 4) Interaction: Parents and children engage in respectful exchange. (Either side may withdraw from the communication if desired.)
- 5) Report: During and after these communications, please report the result to the regional Blessed Family Department.

#### 3. Reporting the List of Applicants for Young Missionary Parents Matching

- A. Responsibility: Regional HQ Blessed Family Department
- **B.** Report: Please report the list of applicants in your region by December 22. (Link to input this list will be provided later.)
- C. Registration: Applicants must register on the matching website (https://bcmatching.org) by December 27.

#### 4. Administrative Information

- A. The date and location of the Blessing Ceremony may be changed.
- **B.** Details of parents matching support for the young missionaries will be announced to leaders a little later.
- C. Inquiries: Makoto Ando, IHQ Blessed Family Department Email: <u>ffwpuihqbfd@gmail.com</u>
- **D.** Attachment: Parents matching application form for young missionaries



Podcast MatchNet Matching

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# HJ Cosmic Blessing - 2024, 2025

True Mother will be hosting the next **General HJ Cosmic Blessing** along with the Entrance Ceremony to the Cheon Won Gung and the Cheon II Sanctum in the **spring of 2025.** 

However, on February 17, 2024, there will be a Special HJ Cosmic Blessing for young missionaries.

See below for more details about this Blessing.



## More Information

2025 General HJ Cosmic Blessing Festival 2024 Missionary Blessing Ceremony (for Young

#### Date: Spring 2025

**Location**: Korea (with the possibility to participate in a satellite event)

**Participants**: All matched couples and married couples are welcome to join the 2025 Blessing Ceremony.

Attire: Kristina Han

Blessing Offering: To Be Confirmed

**Meaning**: With the opening of the Cheon Won Gun and Cheon Il Sanctum, the 2025 HJ Cosmic Blessing will be a Blessing Ceremony unlike any other other for it will be the first Blessing Ceremony after the official entrance into the Cheon Won Gung and Cheon II Sanctum.

True Mother wants all of our efforts to focus on preparing for the festivities surrounding the successful Entrance Ceremony into the Cheon Won Gung and Cheon II Sanctum. This is why there will be no major gatherings in Korea until that time. This is also why there will be no major Cosmic Blessing in 2024. However, in the spirit of preparing the next generation into inheriting True Parents' tradition, vision, and love, True Mother is offering a unique opportunity to the young people who are currently during missionary work, those who are preparing for missionary, and even those who have done missionary work in the past, to receive the Blessing this year, in order to officially launch the worldwide missionary work in this era of Cheon II Guk. This will . . . . . . .

### **Missionaries**)

Date: February 17, 2024

Location: Cheon Jeong Gung, Korea (ONLY)

Participants: Young

Missionaries who have done mission in the past, those who are currently in a missionary program, or those who will do overseas missionary work in 2024.\*

**Attire**: Kristina Han (attire, Rings, and jewelry). Click <u>here</u> for more information.

#### Blessing Offering: \$2,000

Meaning: As indicated in the meaning of the 2025 HJ Cosmic Blessing that is to take place in the spring of 2025 along with the Entrance Ceremony into the Cheon Won Gun and Cheon II Sanctum, this February 2024 Blessing Ceremony, which is herein referred to as the Missionary Blessing Ceremony, will contribute to the establishment of the solid foundation that will culminate with the Entrance Ceremony in 2025. Just like our early missionaries went out on missions after the Blessing in early days, the merit of the age is now giving a rare opportunity to the younger generation, the inheritors, the opportunity to contribute to bringing the changes that they would like to see in the movement, the providence, and the world by offering to our Heavenly Parent and True Parents the first year of their lives as Blessed Couples.

If you are a missionary who has been preparing for the Blessing, coincide with the graduation of the "Heavenly Top Gun" of Sun Moon Universal Peace Academy. (Read <u>this memo</u> for more information.)

This missionary Blessing will contribute to the establishment of the solid foundation that will culminate with the Entrance Ceremony in 2025. or if you are single and would like to be blessed to someone who has been doing or is preparing to do missionary work, you are encouraged to fill out the Interest Form below to be included in the mailing list of the Blessing Ministry and receive additional information,

Please note that the information on this website is intended only to the members of the FFWPU-USA and FFWPU-Canada.

\*Clarifications: Only one person in the couple has to fulfill this condition. GPA, CIG Missionaries, STF Europe are included as missionary programs.

Read the Official Memo

Are you interested in joining the 2024 Blessing?

Fill out the interest Form

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Will the 2024 Blessing be hosted only in Korea?

Will parents be allowed to come to Korea to support their children?

Will all the candidates be required to wear the new Blessing Attire (Kristina + Han)?

How can I buy the Kristina Han Blessing Attire?

If I did GPA, can I be a candidate for this Blessing?

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Will the Blessing Offering be the same?



# **Kristina Han**

Do you want to learn more about the meaning of the New Blessing Attire that True Mother designed?

Learn More Here

Information Session about the 2024 Blessing

