

Dear Leaders, Families, and Tribal Messiahs,

The Marriage Blessing Movement is kicking off nicely this year with communities around the country <u>signing up</u> to host a Blessing Ceremony in their local areas in 2017!

As you know, the <u>Marriage Blessing Movement</u> is an initiative to extend the Marriage Blessing to more couples and families throughout America. By participating in this movement that True Parents established, we make a statement affirming the value of strong marriages and healthy families.

As True Mother said:

"The Marriage Blessing will hold no meaning if you allow your blessing to extend only to your family, while living in this age of True Parents. Do you understand? Blessed families must fulfill their responsibility. The Marriage Blessing should not remain within or end up as a blessing that extends only to your family. You must reveal to your neighbors, your tribe, and your nation that True Parents are the true owners." – True Mother's 2015 Foundation Day Address

Through receiving the Marriage Blessing, our friends and family can strengthen their marriages and deepen their relationship with God. True Parents' desire is for all people of the world to receive the Marriage Blessing, become Blessed Central Families and Tribal Messiahs, and practice true love in their relationships. Let's do our part to make this happen!

The upcoming opportunities to join the 2017 nationwide Marriage Blessing Movement are:

- The weekend of April 29
- The weekend of June 24
- The weekend of August 26
- The weekend of October 28
- The weekend of December 16

The exciting part is that you can join the Marriage Blessing Movement by holding a Blessing ceremony for couples in your community on one or more of these weekends!

If you need some inspiration to get started, just read some of the 2016 stories from <u>New</u> <u>Jersey</u>, <u>Hawaii</u>, and <u>Florida</u>.

Join the Marriage Blessing Movement and host a Marriage Blessing Ceremony by:

- 1. <u>Signing up your community online;</u>
- 2. Securing a certified Blessing Officiators couple; and
- 3. <u>Registering the participating couples online</u>

Let us work together to share the Blessing, the greatest gift our Heavenly Parent and True Parents gave us, with everyone in America.

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