

## **Parents Matching Education • July 10–12 • Dallas, TX**

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Are you a parent who wants to learn about the Matching Process, and network with other parents? There will be a Parents Matching Education (PME) in Dallas, Texas on July 10~12. The PME is a wonderful opportunity for parents to understand the Matching Process, learn from those who have matched their children successfully, network with other parents, and consider possible matching candidates. Parents will also have the opportunity to learn from experienced BFM presenters and will learn how to deepen their relationship with their children and deepen their relationship with their spouse. We recommend that parents attend a PME before beginning the matching process with their children. Parents whose children are at least 16 should participate in a PME simply to learn and prepare.

### **CONVOCAATION INFORMATION:**

Location: Dallas Family Church

1922 Anson Rd.

Dallas TX, 75235

### **Schedule**

Onsite registration will open at 5:00 PM Friday afternoon, July 10th (pre-registering online will save you money and time at the conference registration).

The program begins with Orientation at 7:30 PM that evening, and closes at 2:00 PM on Sunday, July 12th.

### **Who Should Attend**

Parents of matching candidates and Blessed siblings of candidates are also welcome. Parents of younger children are encouraged to attend, to familiarize and educate themselves about the process and their role and begin developing a family plan for matching their children.

### **Registration – Save Time by Registering Early!**

You can pay directly online by credit card

\$150/individual; \$240/couple; \$90 for each additional family member

The registration fee covers the convocation program and materials, the **new 2nd Edition Matching Handbook (choose English or Japanese)**, snacks and refreshments during the program and 6 meals: Friday dinner through Sunday lunch. Sleeping accommodations are the responsibility of each participant.

### **Accommodations**

Accommodations are the responsibility of each participant. There are several hotels that are close to the church that offer good prices. You can search for a three star hotel near Lovefield Airport on a website such as hotwire or hotels.com and get a better price than we would be able to reserving a lock of rooms in one of those hotels.

## **Transportation**

The best way to reach the Dallas Family Church is by car, and free parking is available. However, if you will be coming by plane, we recommend that you fly into the Dallas/Fort Worth (DFW) Airport or the Dallas Love Field Airport. Transportation between the airport and the Dallas Family Church can be available for a \$10 donation.

## **Preparing Candidate Profiles**

Candidate Profiles will NOT be displayed. However, networking is possible during the Matchbook and BFA Website tutorial. Candidates can only be displayed online with their permission and involvement. No parent should display their adult child as a candidate or pursue a match without the candidate's involvement. Parents may attend the PME without displaying a candidate.

The submission of candidate information and photos is entirely online through BlessedFamilies.org. To submit candidate profiles through "Matchbook", see the link below.

NOTE: You must log in to **[www.blessedfamilies.org](http://www.blessedfamilies.org)** as a site user before submitting candidate information. Once you log in, you will see all instructions for registering and submitting candidate profiles. To ensure that a profile is ready to be displayed online, every candidate should do the following:

1. Complete the candidate profile page at [www.blessedfamilies.org](http://www.blessedfamilies.org). This will allow candidates to participate in Matchbook, PMCs, or both, and to designate their preferred level of accessibility.
2. Complete the additional 9-question personality profile at the profile page. This is optional for Matchbook participants but required for candidates at the PME. Candidates should complete these profiles themselves. NOTE: Unless all 9 questions are answered, the profile cannot be printed for display.
3. Upload three good-quality photos at the profile page: one half-length (head & torso) and one full-length of the candidate and one family photo. The profile and photos are required, but do not necessarily need to be uploaded at the time of registration.

Parents can also prepare "contact cards" with the candidate's picture and your family's contact info to give to other parents at the PME.

For additional information visit the registration site or contact [bfmadmin@unification.org](mailto:bfmadmin@unification.org)