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"Rebuild the Family, Restore the Community and Renew the Nation and the World"

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Dear Rev. Patton, Rev. Boothby and all New Hope Family Church members,

We are pleased to extend to you and the couples you have blessed as Tribal Messiahs to join in a Blessing of Marriage and Family on Sunday, February 11th at 1 PM (registration at 12:30 pm) at Imani Temple at 2420 Brooks Dr, Suitland, MD 20746.

The blessing will be sponsored by Imani Temple together with the American Clergy Leadership Conference. On February 11th, 50 Christian churches throughout the nation will simultaneously be conducting this blessing program. Pastors from around Maryland, DC and Virginia will be joining along with couples from their congregations. The ceremony will follow the traditional blessing ceremony established by True Parents combined with a wonderful universal program developed by the Imani Temple leadership. It will include inspiring blessing education followed by ceremonies of Holy Wine, Holy Water, Recitation of Vows and Ring exchange. It will conclude with a Blessing Proclamation and Prayer. We recommend that the Brides wear white and the grooms wear dark blue, with a white shirt and red tie. Mostly we expect couples that will be rededicating their marriages and receiving the blessing. Also singles whose spouse has passed away, can be blessed by picture with their spouse.

True Parents first invited Christian churches to conduct ceremonies in 1995 and expanded it until today. True Mother opened the door for Christian Pastors who affirm True Parents to "Officiate" the blessing. Therefore all our 430 Tribal Messiah couples will stand as sanctified blessed couples. The celebration will be a joyous occasion and will be a great opportunity for our blessed families to advance the couples in the realm of the Blessing. The ceremony will run from 1 – 2 pm followed by a complimentary lunch. A love offering will be taken during the blessing ceremony as the blessing offering.

True Mother, in her final remarks at the Senegal victory celebration said, "There is a huge revival occurring through ACLC in America and ACLC Pastors are fulfilling their Tribal Messiah responsibilities through their churches." True Mother is inspired to see the ACLC expanding the blessing to all faith communities.

Southwest Sub Regional Director, Rev. Ernest Patton and New Hope Family Church pastor Rev. Boothby have helped oversee the planning for this wonderful event. We are very confident that this will be a most joyful occasion that will strengthen your family and all marriages.

Sincerely,

Archbishop G. Augustus Stalings Jr.
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