## **Matching Advisors Training June 8th in Chicago**

Joshua Cotter and Phillip Schanker May 23, 2012

To: District, State, Church and Lovin' Life Pastors, all Blessed Families

From: National Blessed Family Ministry

**Re:** INTRODUCTORY TRAINING FOR MATCHING ADVISORS Friday, June 8, 2012, Chicago Family Church, Chicago, Illinois

**Date:** May 23, 2012

Wonderful Opportunity to Support Blessed Families and Unification Members- Get Trained as a Matching Advisor!

June 8, 2012 in Chicago, Illinois

We would like to recommend a wonderful way to serve and support our community and ensure the future of True Parents' tradition of Blessed marriage, for those who feel called. To help parents and their children establish a healthy matching process, and assist First Generation Unificationists in finding a clear path to the matching and Blessing, new guidelines inspired by International President Rev. Hyung Jin Moon have been developed. With the guidance of our President and Senior Pastor, Rev. In Jin Moon, a new system of comprehensive Blessing education, Parents' Matching Convocations, websites and handbooks has been developed to convey these principles and support a renewed matching process. An essential component of this system is a group of trained and experienced Matching Advisors (MAs) to assist 1st and 2nd Generation candidates and their families and supporters.

A one-day training and certification for prospective matching advisors will be held Friday, June 8th, 2012, from 8:45 AM to 5:30 PM at the Chicago Family Church Community Center at 1434 Schaumburg Road, Schaumburg, IL 60194. It takes place in conjunction with the Parents' Matching Convocation that begins that evening nearby. The training will be conducted by Rev. Phillip Schanker, director of the Blessed Family Ministry in the USA, and Mrs. Marjorie Buessing, BFM Representative for New England and Senior Matching Advisor. The training is free for qualified participants. Lunch and snacks are included. Additional one-day trainings will be held in the San Francisco Bay Area September 21st, and at UTS in Barrytown November 2nd.

Interested First or Second Generation Blessed members should complete the attached registration form and Email it to matching@unification.org, to receive a short qualifying questionnaire. Include any additional questions you may have. The ideal MA should feel called to this ministry, and be trustworthy, faithful, a good listener and patient communicator. They should be happily Blessed in marriage themselves, and be able to schedule a few hours of availability on a regular basis. Advisors will be trained to help candidates and parents develop a clear plan for the matching process, assist them in finding potential candidates, and support them through the process as needed. The BFM will provide the handbook, forms and support materials, and will train and certify matching advisors, according to the international guidelines.

Church leaders and pastors are not automatically qualified as MAs based upon their position alone. Each

advisor should be trained, become familiar with the guidelines and process, and be certified by the National Blessed Family Ministry. They will work in cooperation with a network of advisors, utilizing Parents Matching Convocations, an international matching website, the "Matchbook" website and the new Online Matching System (OMS) for First Generation, in support of candidates and families.

Advisors work according to their own schedule and availability, and should freely develop their "gift" for this ministry. But they should work according to the international guidelines, and connect to their local or district Blessed Family Ministry. MAs do not make "absolute matches," but support parents and candidates in the process. Advisors may choose to specialize in one or more of these categories:

ALL Blessed Children
Blessed children 24 years and older
First Generation Unificationists
First Generation 40 years and older
Jacob Generation Candidates
Clergy, Ambassadors for Peace, Associates
Treasures of Heaven [Special Needs Candid.]
Getting Back on Track
International Matchings
All of the above

While the training is free, and lunch and snacks are provided, training participants are responsible for their own transportation, room and board outside of the training schedule. The training location is 2 miles from the PMC hotel, the Doubletree by Hilton in Arlington Heights, which has shuttle service to and from O'Hare Airport. Those coming by plane can take the shuttle from the airport to the Doubletree Hotel, and our staff will pick you up from there. Once you register for the training, we will communicate all additional details. The PMC hotel is:

## **DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel Chicago - Arlington Heights**

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We look forward to working with those who are called to support candidates and their parents in the matching and Blessing process. Thank you in advance for your investment and support. May God be with you and your family.

Sincerely,

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