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Introductory Training for Matching Advisors

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

From: National Blessed Family Ministry

Re: ANNOUNCEMENT: INTRODUCTORY TRAINING FOR MATCHING ADVISORS

Friday, November 16, 2012, UTS Conference Center, Barrytown, NY

Date: October 25, 2012

A Great Opportunity to Support Blessed Families and Unification Members-Get Trained as a Matching Advisor! November 16, 2012 in Barrytown, NY

We'd 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. Based upon new guidelines established by US and International President Rev. Hyung Jin Moon, a comprehensive system of Blessing education, matching handbooks, Parents' Matching Convocations and web-support has been developed to help candidates and their parents establish a healthy matching process. A similar process has been designed to assist First Generation Unificationists in finding a clear path to the matching and Blessing. 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, November 16, 2012, from 9:00 AM to 5:30 PM at the UTS Conference Center in Barrytown, NY. A Parents' Matching Convocation will begin at UTS that evening. The MA 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.

Interested First or Second Generation Blessed members should Email matching@unification.org with your contact phone and Email information, to receive a short qualifying questionnaire, or to answer any 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, interview 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 can choose to work with one or more of the following categories of candidates:

ALL Blessed Children
Blessed children 24 years and older
First Generation Unificationists
First Generation 40 years and older
Jacob Generation Candidates

Ambassadors for Peace, Clergy, Associated Members Treasures of Heaven [Special Needs Candidates] Getting Back on Track International Matchings All of the above

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,

Rev. Phillip Schanker Blessed Family Ministry Unification Church- USA