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Final Chance to Register -- Parents' Matching

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To: To District and Local Pastors, Community Leaders, Blessed Families
From: National Blessed Family Ministry
Re: Parents' Matching Convocation AT UTS in barrytown, ny- November 16-18, 2012
- *Final Reminder & Information for Participating Candidates 24 & Older*
- *Matching Advisors Training Friday, Nov. 16th, 9:00 AM – 5:30 PM at UTS*
Date: November 2, 2012

Last Chance to Register !

We remind you about a new and improved, educational and inspiring conference for parents to learn about and prepare for supporting their children in the matching process. As announced previously, the final **Parents Matching Convocation (PMC)** of 2012 will be held at the **UTS Conference Center in Barrytown, NY on November 16-18**. Candidates who are 24 years or older are welcome to participate, with supplemental sessions to learn more about the process, meet with a Matching Advisor, and take a more active role in their own search for a partner. Important details for participants follow. For further information or to register, visit www.blessedfamilies.org and click the pink PMC banner below the login area on the right.

- Candidate profiles from November, 2011 or before must be updated, or you must contact us at BFDadmin@unification.org, or they will not be made available at the PMC. See number VI below.
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- A one-day training and orientation for new and existing Matching Advisors will be held at UTS on Friday, November 16th from 9:00 AM – 5:30 PM. For info or registration, write us at matching@unification.org.
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I. Location

UTS Conference Center, 30 Seminary Drive, Barrytown, NY 12507 <http://www.uts.edu/>

II. Registration (Meals Included)

Registration for the PMC is \$130 per person, \$210 per couple, and \$80 for each additional (Blessed) family member. Candidates 24 and older attending individually pay a special rate of \$80. This includes all convocation programs and materials, the new, updated Family Matching Handbook (2nd edition), snacks and refreshments during the program, and 5 meals: Saturday breakfast through Sunday lunch.. Accommodations at UTS or nearby are the responsibility of each participant (see below). For further information visit the online registration site at www.blessedfamilies.org. Candidate profiles and photos can also be uploaded at the registration site and should be completed by **November 9th**. If you need assistance registering for the PMC or uploading profiles and photos, contact your district office, BFM or BlessedLIFE Team, or Email us at BFDadmin@unification.org.

III. Schedule

Onsite registration opens at 4:30 PM Friday November 16th (pre-registering online will save you time at the conference registration). The program begins with Orientation at 7:30 that evening, and closes at 2:00 PM on Sunday, November 18th in Barrytown.

IV. Translation and Special Session for Japanese Participants

There will be translation available for Japanese participants for plenary sessions, and a special session for Japanese participants. Be sure to bring radios.

V. Accommodations

Accommodations are the responsibility of each participant. Housing choices include UTS dorms (\$20/person/night), UTS private rooms (\$60/room/night) or semi-private rooms (\$40/room/night), nearby hotels, or with friends. A few private rooms for one or two persons, and four family rooms with private or semi-private bathrooms are available at UTS on a first-come, first-served basis. To reserve any of these, contact Caroline Stupple at c.stupple@uts.edu or call her at (845) 240-5684.

VI. Preparing or Updating Candidate Profiles

IMPORTANT: Candidate profiles from November, 2011 or before will NOT be displayed at the PMC unless you update them or contact us at bfdadmin@unification.org. We strongly recommend profiles be updated and improved, with your adult child's permission and participation. We will not display old profiles

unless we hear from the candidate that they wish to be displayed. Parents may attend the PMC without displaying a candidate. Candidates can be displayed without their parents being present. But candidates can only be displayed with their permission and involvement. To prepare profiles:

- A. Complete the candidate profile page at the PMC registration site. This will allow candidates to participate in Matchbook, PMCs, or both, and to designate their preferred level of accessibility.
- B. Complete the additional 9-question personality profile at the profile page- optional for Matchbook participants but required for candidates at the PMC. Candidates should complete these profiles themselves. NOTE: Unless all 9 questions are answered, the profile cannot be printed for display.
- C. Upload three good-quality photos at the profile page: one half-length and one full-length of the candidate and one family photo. The profile can be uploaded after registration, but must be uploaded by **Nov. 9th**. If parents bring photos or profiles to the PMC that require scanning or copying to be displayed there will be a \$20 charge, and may take extra time to prepare for display.

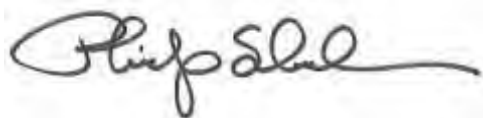
For more ideas for preparing candidate profiles, visit the link below and use any of the resources there to more fully understand your adult child's character, and prepare a fuller profile:

http://www.familyfed.org/members/index.php?option=com_content&view=category&layout=blog&id=949&Itemid=626

Be creative! Use poems, photos or personal stories to supplement your profile. You can prepare "contact cards" with the candidate's picture and family contact info for interested parents at the PMC.

For additional information visit the registration site or contact BFAdmin@unification.org. We look forward to seeing parents at the PMC and to supporting candidates in the process of matching and Blessing.

May God be with you and your family.



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