



**FFWPU-USA**

*Family Federation for World Peace and Unification*

## **Matching Advisor Training and Certification -- May 31-June 1, 2013 in Oakland, CA**

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**To: District, State and Church Pastors, Blessed Central Families**  
**From: National Blessed Family Department**  
**Re: ANNOUNCEMENT: INTRODUCTORY TRAINING FOR MATCHING ADVISORS**  
**Friday, May 31 and Saturday, June 1, 2013, Oakland, CA**  
**Date: May 4, 2013**

*A Great Opportunity to Support Blessed Families and Unification Members-  
Get Trained as a Matching Advisor! May 31 – June 1, 2013 in Oakland, CA*

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. The Blessed Family Department- USA has developed a comprehensive system of Blessing education, matching handbooks, Parents' Matching Convocations and web-support to help candidates and their parents establish a healthy matching process. A similar process has been designed to assist First Generation Unificationists in their matching and Blessing. Essential to this system is a group of trained and experienced Matching Advisors (MAs) to assist 1st and 2nd Generation candidates, their families and those who support them.

A training and certification for prospective matching advisors will be held Friday, May 31 and Saturday, June 1, 2013, together with the Parents Matching Convocation being held in Oakland, CA May 31 – June 2. The MA training will be held Friday from 8:00 AM – 5:30 PM at the Bay Area Family Church in San Leandro, CA, with the Saturday session continuing at the PMC at the Hilton Garden Inn in nearby Emeryville, CA. The training will be conducted by Rev. Phillip Schanker and Mrs. Debby Gullery of the Blessed Family Ministry in the USA, Mrs. Marjorie Buessing, BFD Representative for New England and other Senior Matching Advisors. The training is free for qualified participants. Lunch and snacks are included on Friday. Accommodations and food for Friday night and Saturday are the responsibility of each participant. Participants are encouraged to remain for the Sunday session of the PMC, which ends at 2:00 PM.

Interested First or Second Generation Blessed members should Email [matching@unification.org](mailto: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, 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 pastor and 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**

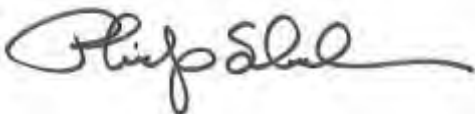
**Ambassadors for Peace, Clergy, Associated Members**  
**Treasures of Heaven [Special Needs Candidates]**  
**Getting Back on Track**  
**International Matchings**  
**All of the above**

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,



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