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Greetings BFC Families!

We hope everyone has been spending a great, healthy and safe week so far!

Parents of Sunday School Participants - Remember, Sunday School will start this Sunday, September 24th!! Please read the previously sent email regarding the details for the first day. If you still have not registered your child/ren for Sunday School, there will be a registration table set up outside after service. Please talk to Akiko Morris. <u>Save the Date:</u> Sunday School Tag Sale will be held after service on Sunday, October 8th.

(Rain Date: October 15th)

In the past few weeks, a number of natural disasters have been striking various areas around the world one after the other. After Hurricane Harvey and Irma passed, the state of Texas and Florida are still continuing their process of recovery. Please click <u>here</u> to read more about how Unification Communities from these areas are doing and see how YOU can help.

Missed last week's National Update? Click here to watch.



Energize! Couples Retreat

Come join the BFM and BMP team at our next Energize! Couples Retreat for couples both young and old in the midst of the autumnal splendor of the Pocono Mountains! Enjoy this refreshing 3-day, 2-night getaway and enjoy the splendid views of the Pocono mountain as you relax in the intimate lodge and mountain resort setting. The retreat will be held in the beautiful Pocono Manor Resort and Spa.

Registration is now open, and the early bird rate will end October 3rd, so make sure to register before then! Scholarships are available for first-time attendees so don't let the cost of the retreat be a hindrance.

We can't wait to share this experience with you! Click here to learn more or register!

To get a better sense of what to expect, check out these videos from past retreats <u>here</u>, and <u>here</u>!

EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION EDS OCT. 3RD!!



UTS is going global with new online, distance learning program. For the Fall semester, Dr. Tyler Hendricks is teaching *Unification Apologetics in Practical Contexts* and Dr. Andrew Wilson is teaching *Divine Principle in Depth*. Since these graduate-courses are being taught by the premier Unification scholars in the world, they are much more advanced than typical courses or workshops. You can see descriptions for each course either on the UTS website at <u>uts.edu</u> or by sending an email to <u>online@uts.edu</u> in which you request more information.

These courses are for a period of 8 weeks not 15 weeks and start on Monday Oct. 16. They'll be offered on our new, state-of-the-art CANVAS platform and include significant interaction. The courses are intensive and asynchronous, meaning there is no set class time. During the Spring

term, additional courses will be offered. Please inform your friends and contacts of this valuable new initiative by UTS.

A \$1000 distance learning scholarship is available for each credit-bearing course taken as part of the launch of this new initiative, so the tuition is 2/3 less than for a regular course taught at UTS. A student will pay \$605 for a 3-credit course, rather than the normal amount of \$1,605. If you take 6 credits during a semester, then you will be eligible for Federal financial aid, if you are an American citizen.

Please click <u>here</u> to read the UTS Newsletter that announces the new online, distance learning program. More information can be found <u>here</u> in the brochure and also on the UTS website at <u>www.uts.edu</u>.

Whoever is interested in the program *should complete the "non-degree application"*, since the admissions process for the degree application takes more time. Subsequently, after deciding upon a degree program that applicant can complete a regular "degree application" and the credits that were accumulated will be applied toward a master's degree.

4th Japanese 7-Day Workshop In IPEC

It is our pleasure to announce you the 4th Japanese 7-Day Divine Principle workshop at IPEC in Las Vegas that will take place on October 24-31.

(1) Significance

The Japanese 7-Day workshop in IPEC this time will be conducted with much expectation of Heavenly Parent and True Parents. It is also a great revival workshop for victory of the 3 year course until 2020. This is a workshop for Japanese members in America to return to the starting point of restoration of the United States and make a determination to start again. Our hope is that Japanese members in the US, who represent the mother nation, make a new start to fulfill Vision 2020, and establish a substantial victory as blessed central families and Heavenly Tribal Messiahs.

Another significant point is the venue - IPEC in Las Vegas. The providence of Las Vegas that began in 2008 is the present day Heung-nam providence, and Las Vegas is where True Parents offered much devotion and hard work to totally indemnify the entire providence. One fruit of such devotion is IPEC. IPEC is the Cheon Jeong Gun of the United States, and the place where Heavenly Parent and True Parents reside. Many brothers and sisters who participated in these workshops gave testimonies about their deep encounters with Heavenly Parent and True Parents while at IPEC. Externally too, it is the best place prepared for our workshops.

(2) Lecturers

Divine Principle presentations are given by Rev. Soichiro Nakamura, former director of Central Training Center in Japan (777 couple). Presentations on providential history are given by Rev. Masayuki Kachi, Special CIG IW in Japan (777 couple).

(3) Schedule

Dates: October 24-31, 2017 Start time: 7:00 p.m., Tuesday, October 24 End time: 4:00 p.m., Tuesday, October 31

October 24: 8:00 p.m. - orientation

October 25-27: Divine Principle presentations by Rev. Soichiro Nakamura October 28: Sightseeing (Grand Canyon, Cheon Hwa Gung) October 29-31: Presentations on providential history by Rev. Masayuki Kachi October 31: Closing ceremony.

(4) Participation fees: <u>\$500</u>

(5) Online registration is now available on the Family Federation website (<u>www,familyfed,org</u>): <u>familyfed,org/events/dpworkshop/fourth-japanese-revival-7-day-workshop-17057/</u>