

European Parent's Matching Convocation

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Over forty parents from all over Europe attended the European Parents' Matching Convocation this year. We began the convocation with Introductions and "Familiarization exercises" so that everyone could get to know each other. The program on Saturday included presentations on the meaning of the Blessing, practical advice and guidance on how to start a matching process, testimonies and an introduction to the new International matching website: bfmatch.org

Matching supporter, Ellen van Kampen, shared some useful and valuable points based on the book "Saving your Marriage before it Starts".

Orlande Schenk, 2nd Gen. Blessing Dept., shared her experiences watching how True Father matched 2nd gen. candidates and how we, as parents, can inherit the standard from True Parents.

On Saturday evening, our MC couple – Chris and Carol Jubb – interviewed three 2nd gen. Blessed Couples. They talked about their experiences during their own matching processes, including how they prepared themselves for matching and also gave helpful advice to parents. This was very well received by the audience.

On Sunday, we had a special presentation by Geros Kunkel on the parent-child relationship based on Unification Thought. This was followed by a question and answer session which brought up many good points. We were happy to have

Geros and David to share their experience and deep understanding in the area of matching and blessing. The Convocation ended with a closing sermon by David Hanna on the topic of "Gratitude".

There was plenty of time included in the program for networking and discussions. Matching Supporters were also available for one-to-one discussions. A large selection of candidates from Korea, Japan, Asia, USA, South America, Africa and Europe sent profiles to share with those attending the convocation.

The sunshine and beautiful surroundings helped to create a special atmosphere for parents to connect to God and focus on the great task of finding an eternal partner for their child.

