

# FFWPU USA Blessing and Family Ministry: Blue Dragon Matching Suggestion for 2025 Blessing Candidates

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Hello family. Blue Dragon Matching. Young Couples retreat. Parents networking. HJ Blessing Guide. High Noon Radiant program. Deeper Connection podcast. Food for thought. Live National Sunday Service

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*what's new?*

## Blue Dragon Matching Suggestion

# BLUE DRAGON MATCHING SUGGESTION



DO YOU WANT TO RECEIVE THE BLESSING IN APRIL 2025?  
SIGN UP FOR THIS PROGRAM TO RECEIVE A MATCHING SUGGESTION!

## PROCESS:



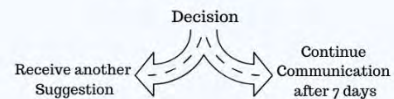
Prayer Week



Receive a Matching  
Suggestion



Conversation Week



## TOTAL OF 7 CYCLES

From Oct 20 to Feb 1



**JOIN WHEN YOU ARE READY,  
LEAVE WHEN YOU ARE READY!**

Learn More at: [https://bfm.familyfed.org/blue-dragon-matching-group\\_](https://bfm.familyfed.org/blue-dragon-matching-group_)

We invite all candidates preparing for the 2025 Cosmic Blessing to join the Blue Dragon Matching Suggestion program. This program offers a supportive and guided process to explore potential matches. Running in two-week cycles with a total of seven cycles, the program consists of a Prayer week, where the Matching


Committee prays for thoughtful suggestions, followed by a Conversation Week, allowing candidates to engage in 7-day discussions with their matches. Parental and matching supporter involvement is encouraged to provide guidance and support throughout the process. This initiative aims to help participants step out of their comfort zones, build communication skills, and explore meaningful connections in a spiritual environment, ultimately enhancing their chances of finding a spouse. Those interested must have a profile on [Blessing4U](#) and complete an blessing interview by Saturday, **October 26**.

[register here](#)

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## *in-person events*

### Young Couples Retreat



**A YOUNG COUPLES RETREAT HOSTED BY THE WEST REGION**

# Crafting a Love Story

**GROWING TOGETHER AS A COUPLE  
IN PARTNERSHIP WITH GOD**

Nov 7-10th, 2024

**Location:**

Santa Cruz Mountains, CA

**Who:**

Young Blessed Couples  
(blessed in the past 6 years)

Have you heard about the Young Couples Retreat November 7-10, 2024? There are still a few spots available. Everyone needs tools to support them in living their best life and this is especially true for couples figuring out their life together. Hear from Yuuki and Young Joo Tanaka about why this retreat will enrich your married life and give you the support and safety to go deeper and explore challenging topics.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2IDz934e4mY>

There will be guided sessions using the internationally renowned Prepare Enrich program with trained facilitator Myrna Lapres.

<https://www.coachmyrna.org/prepare-enrich.html>. We will also have evening programs, testimonies, sports, hiking, and free time to enjoy and relax outside the busyness of our daily schedules.

[register here](#)

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## *online events*

# Next Parents Networking Meeting Call is October 24



Another exciting opportunity is our new Parents Networking Meeting every other week on Thursdays at 8:30 pm EDT starting on August 15th hosted by BFM Canada. This meeting is an opportunity to meet other parents, expand your network, and educate yourself in the Matching Process. Next meeting will be on **October 24**, so register below now!

[register here](#)

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# Join the HJ Blessing Guide



The new Blessing Application System opens tomorrow (September 5)! If you are a Pastor, local community leader, Matching Supporter, or Blessing Interviewer, please register as soon as possible so you can assist candidates joining the HJ Blessing Guide. For any questions please contact [bfmtechsupport@unification.org](mailto:bfmtechsupport@unification.org).

[join here](#)

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## High Noon Radiant Program



# Radiant

## Online Program for Young Blessed Couples

- Discover God's vision for your marriage and take your intimate relationship to spiritual heights.
- Get a clear understanding of God's vision for sex.
- Experience connection in gender-specific groups of husbands and wives.

**Starts October 27!**

**Registration: [highnoon.org/join-radiant](https://highnoon.org/join-radiant)**

**Deadline: Oct. 20**



Discover God's vision for your marriage and take your intimate relationship to spiritual heights. Get a clear understanding of God's vision for sex. Experience connection in gender-specific groups of husbands and wives. Join our High Noon Radiant Program! Registration for this incredible program ends this **Sunday, October 20** so don't miss out and register below!

[register here](#)

*listen*

## The Deeper Connection Podcast



John Abelseth has been married for 42 years. He and his wife Helen raised their six children near Vancouver, BC, Canada and have eight grandchildren. In this podcast, John shares how his involvement in the Blessing & Family Ministry as a matching supporter and part of the core BFM team has enriched his life. Click below to listen to the newest episode.

[listen here](#)

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*food for thought*

## Embrace the Child Within





with Myrna Lapres

In her book, "*The Conscious Parent—Transforming Ourselves, Empowering Our Children*," Dr. Shefali Tsabary says that to be more effective in relating to our children, we need to be willing to face and resolve issues in ourselves that come from the way we were parented. She states that, "In fact, it's my experience that the relationship between parent and child exists for the primary purpose of the parent's transformation and only secondarily for the raising of the child."

[read more](#)

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*connect*

LIVE National Sunday Service this Sunday,  
Oct. 20!



# NATIONAL **LIVE** SUNDAY SERVICE

Message from Rev. Demian Dunkley

**October 20** 10AM Eastern

**October 27** 9AM Pacific

Livestream available at [live.familyfed.org](http://live.familyfed.org)

We're excited to invite you to a LIVE National Sunday Service for the next two Sundays only! Get ready to feel the holy spirit move through great music and the main message from Rev. Demian Dunkley. Click on the link below to watch live this Sunday, October 20 at 10am Eastern.

[watch live here](#)

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## Calling all committed individuals who are interested in finding a Match for the 2025 Cosmic Blessing

The HJ Matching Support (previously called *Blue Dragon Matching Suggestion*) is an opportunity to receive a Matching Suggestion from a Matching Committee from the USA.

We are looking for candidates who will take this Matching Suggestion seriously and are committed to a 7-day conversation with the suggested person.

[Register HERE](#)

### What is this Program?

The HJ Matching Support is a Program for individuals who would like to **receive prayerfully created Matching Suggestions** based on their preferences and vision for their future.

The program will run in cycles and each participant can join as many cycles as they would like.

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Each cycle runs for 2 weeks. The first week is prayer time where the Matching Committee will be creating the suggestions. The second week is testing time, where each suggested match will spend 7 days talking with each other to decide if they would like to start an Official Matching Process or not.

## **Why should I join?**

- This program will allow you to talk for 7 days with one suggestion at a time. This helps make this process less overwhelming.
- All suggestions are going to be based on your preferences and vision for the future as much as possible. Therefore every person you talk with will be a relevant option for you.
- It will help you develop your communication skills and work on understanding more who you are and what you want.
- The nature of this program is Spiritual and therefore your participation will allow the spirit world to work closer in your life and you will feel more spiritual guidance and support.

## **How does this program help me find a spouse?**

Receiving relevant Matching Suggestions and purposefully engaging in communication on an ongoing basis will increase the chances of you meeting the person you want to commit to and creating a family with.

The program has a total of 7 cycles and you could potentially receive 7 suggestions.

## OCTOBER - NOVEMBER

2024

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
13 Registration Opens for 1st Cycle	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26 Registration Closes for 1st Cycle
27 Registration Opens for 2nd Cycle	28	29	30 Cycle I - Prayer Week	31	1	2
3	4	5	6 Cycle I - Conversation Week	7	8	9 Registration Closes for 2nd Cycle

## Process to Begin Your Journey

### 1- Create a Profile in Blessing4U

**For the Matching Committee to be able to learn more about you and have something to share with the possible suggestions please create a Profile in Blessing4U.**

**For your profile to be available you are required to at least have completed your Blessing Interview.**

**Please Join the HJ Blessing Guide and select a Matching Supporter who will be supporting you and your parents in the process.**

[Join HJ Blessing Guide](#)

This step is for North America candidates who would like to find a Matching Supporter and do their Blessing Interview.

[Create a Blessing4U Profile](#)

## 2- Register for the Program

**Register for the Program and share with us more about you and your preferences.**

**There is going to be a one-time Registration Fee of \$100. Scholarships will be available through BFD centers for international participants or through the Subregional Senior Pastors.**

[Registration HERE](#)

## 3- Opt-in for each Cycle

**Once registered, you will need to opt-in or opt-out for each cycle. You will have the chance to update your preferences and your profile.**



Matching Committee

7 DAYS



**IMPORTANT**

Everyone who registered is Committed to having a 7-day conversation with the suggested person.



Bi-weekly Registration for those who wants to receive a Matching Suggestion

Mandatory: To have a BlessingU Profile (It doesn't need to be public)



7 DAYS

Mandatory 7 days Communication with the Suggested Match



Receive another Suggestion



Continue Communication after 7 days

# Common Questions:

What ages can participate in this program?



What Generations can participate in the program?



Is it guaranteed that I will receive a Matching Suggestion?



It is not guaranteed that you will receive a Matching

Suggestion. We will do everything on our power to give you a suggestion within the first 3 cycles of your registration. If that doesn't happen we will refund your registration fee.

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When can I register? +

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Can International Candidates participate in this Program? +

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[Register HERE](#)



"We offer You our gratitude. Heavenly Parent, please accept this joy and glory. I pray that all 8,000 couples who are receiving the Blessing today will fulfill their responsibility. Let them guide the eight billion people of the world to Heavenly Parent's bosom in the shortest possible time so that they can become couples whom You will remember and be proud of and in whom You will have increasing hope. Please grant them Your wisdom and capability. We pledge that they will become proud blessed couples of Cheon Il Guk who will, without fail, accomplish their dutiful path as filial sons and daughters and loyal subjects in front of You, Heavenly Parent, and so please accept them with joy. In True Parents' name we pray and proclaim these words. Aju."

True Parents' Blessing Prayer at the 2023 Hyojeong Cosmic Blessing Festival



Soon we will share who is the team of this program and who will be at the Match Maker Committee.

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## HJ Matching Support

The HJ Matching Support is a program for individuals who would like to **receive prayerfully created Matching Suggestions** based on their preferences and vision for their future as much as possible from a Matching Committee in the USA.

We are looking for candidates who will take this Matching Suggestion seriously and are committed to a 7-day conversation with the suggested person.

**Registration opens:** October 15th and closes on October 26th

**2nd Cycle of Registration opens to new participants on:** October 27th

**Location:** <https://bfm.familyfed.org/blue-dragon-matching-group>

### Program Cost

The program cost **\$100 USD**. This is a one time payment and you will be able to participate as many cycles as you like.

If you are in need of financial support, we have given a certain amount of scholarships that each region will be able to offer to their members.



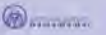
- If you are an international participant please contact your Regional BFD for a scholarship.
- If you are a participant from North America (USA or Canada) please contact your pastor or/and your subregional Senior Pastor for a scholarship.

### Requirements for Participation:



- Participants need to be between 21 to 45 years old
- Participants need to have an Intermediate/Conversational Level in English in order for communication to be efficient.
- Participants need to create a complete Blessing4U profile (it does not need to be public)

Continue



Select your country of residence: \*

Which community are you from? \*

Do you speak English? \*

English is my first language.

English is my second language.

No I do not.

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A YOUNG COUPLES RETREAT HOSTED BY THE WEST REGION



# Crafting a Love Story

GROWING TOGETHER AS A COUPLE  
IN PARTNERSHIP WITH GOD

## West Coast Young Couples Retreat



We are excited to host a young couples retreat, a space designed to support young couples in marriage and Blessed life. This retreat was inspired by a desire to provide more resources and spaces for young couples to feel invested in and to create intentional time to invest in Blessed Marriage life as couples.

The weekend features guided sessions on various topics led by [Myrna Lapres, a trained facilitator in the Prepare-Enrich marriage prep program](#), which has been recognized as the #1 marriage assessment for over 40 years. In the busyness of our day-to-day lives and work, it's important to create intentional time to invest in our relationships as couples.

We hope that this retreat can be that space for you as a couple while spending time alongside other couples in the beautiful nature. Beyond the guided sessions, we will have evening programs, testimonies, sports, hiking, and free time to enjoy and relax outside the busyness of our daily schedules. It is a retreat, after all!

**Theme: Crafting A love Story – Growing together as a couple in partnership with God**

What the retreat consists of:

- A time to **deepen your relationship** with your spouse by getting to know each other better through guided talking points
- **Testimonies** by David & Arehta Fortune who have 4 children and married for 11 years and Kai & Koreanna Schmittat who have 3 kids and married for 14 years
- The retreat includes **Prepare Enrich sessions**: *"Prepare/Enrich is not your ordinary marriage prep or enrichment program. Its revolutionary, personalized nature creates a one-of-a-kind experience for every couple, ensuring they take the relationship-transforming insights to heart. Most importantly, Prepare/Enrich lowers couples' risk of divorce by 31%."*
- **Provides a trained facilitator** and detailed assessment that gives each couple deeper insight into their areas of strength and growth. Prior to the retreat, your couple will take an online assessment that will provide personalized information on the areas of strength to build upon as well as growth areas that need nurturing and attention. During the weekend sessions, you will have short presentations, couple discussions and activities to **support and strengthen your relationship** on topics like: communication, intimacy, conflict resolution, family, finance, and more. These sessions will be facilitated by Myrna Lapres, certified workshop leader and relationship coach. will include guided discussion and activities For testimonies and more information: <https://www.coachmyrna.org/prepare-enrich.html>
- **Rooms**: Each couple will have their own room (hotel style), which includes bedding and a restroom, so there is no need to bring a sleeping bag.
- **The retreat features** a swimming pool, open land in the middle of the Santa Cruz mountains, hiking areas, and sports equipment. Check out the facilities [here](#)
- **Meals** will be prepared by the onsite retreat staff. Please let us know your allergies and dietary preferences so we can inform them, and they will do their best to accommodate your needs.
- Enjoy beautiful **nature**
- **Fun activities** (free time, couples activities/competitions, team building, etc.)

Date: 5pm Thursday, Nov 7th to 1pm Sunday 10th, 2024

Location: [Santa Cruz Mountains - Redwood Christian Park](#)

Who: Young Couples (married in the past 6 years, this is a space without kids). This retreat is a special time just for you and your spouse so make sure to book a babysitter for your little ones as this location does not accommodate children.

**Cost:**

Regular Registration \$900 per couple until October 23rd

Late Registration \$1000

Last Day to Register: Friday, Nov 1st

(cost includes: food, lodging, course material, fun, + access to a pre-assessment to take prior)

**Transportation:**

Fly into San Francisco, Oakland or San Jose airport (closest)






We won't be providing transportation but we can help you know who is coming and interested in carpool

Questions please contact:

Myrna Lapres [mlapres@unification.org](mailto:mlapres@unification.org)

Gabby Horibe [gvoneuw@unification.org](mailto:gvoneuw@unification.org)

## Couples Information

Husband's Name *	First Name 	Last Name
Husband's Date of Birth *	Month 	Day  Year 
Husband's Email *	Email Address	
Wife's Name *	First Name 	Last Name

Wife's Date of Birth\* Month Day Year

Wife's Email\*

What church are you from?\*

Year blessed in Marriage\* (Choose One)

Do you have any dietary restrictions or allergies? (we will inform the cooks and they will do their best to accommodate)\*

What inspired you to register to attend this retreat?\*

How did you find out about the retreat?\*

What are some questions you have regarding living a married life? And what specific testimonies and discussions would interest you?\*

## Registration

Registration\*  Late Registration \$1000 (\$1,000.00)


**Total** **\$0.00**

Coupon Code

## Billing Information

Name\*

Payment Method  Credit Card  Check

Credit Card\*  

Address\*

Email\*

Confirm Email\*

Phone Number\*

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