

FFWPU USA Blessing and Family Ministry: On the Path to Forever - 2026 Blessing Couple Highlight

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Hello family. Featured Blessing couple. 3rd North America and Japan networking. Midwest young couple retreat.

what's new?

On the Path to Forever: 2026 Blessing Couple



We are excited to feature one of our newly engaged couples preparing to receive the 2026 Blessing! Their journey reflects faith, intentional preparation, and a shared commitment to building a God-centered marriage. As they take this next step, let their story inspire all of us—especially those still on the journey—to trust the process and invest deeply in relationships rooted in purpose. Please keep them in your prayers as they prepare for this milestone. Join us this summer for our first Midwest Young Couples Retreat - "Thriving in a Blessed Marriage!"

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events

3rd North America-Japan Online Networking Event



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 **May 22nd, 2026**
9 pm to 12 am (EDT) / 6 pm to 9 pm (PDT)

This online networking is for the second gen who are between 22 to 39 years old. This is a great opportunity to get to know brothers and sisters who are looking for their eternal soul-mate from Japan & North America!

- **Small group discussion**
- **1 on 1 conversation**

More information or Register: [Link](#)



The poster features a woman sitting at a desk with a laptop, surrounded by three video call windows showing other participants. The background is a light pink color with a large red circle on the right side.

Looking for your eternal match? This could be your opportunity.

Join our upcoming North America–Japan online networking event and connect with second-generation brothers and sisters who are also preparing for the Blessing. This is more than just a meeting—it’s a space to build genuine, meaningful connections across cultures.

Real results: Previous events have already led to successful matches, with couples now preparing for this year’s Blessing—and more connections continuing to grow.

Why join?

If you are open to an international Blessing or simply want to meet like-minded people with a serious heart toward marriage, this is a valuable next step.

Date: Friday, May 22

Time: 9:00 PM – 12:00 AM (EDT) / 6:00 PM – 9:00 PM (PDT)

[details](#)

[register here](#)

Thriving: A Young Blessed Couple Retreat- Hosted by the Midwest

SAVE THE DATE!
JUNE 5 - 7, 2026
Location: Watervliet, MI

REGISTRATION
DEADLINE: MAY 22ND 2026



FEE: \$180 PER PERSON
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Topics will include:

- How to resolve conflict in a healthy way
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- Heavenly intimacy and sexuality
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- Activities including Date night, vision board building, and breakouts of various topics.

Featured Speakers: Debby Gullery and John & Sandra Lowen

Who: Young Blessed couples and families

When: June 5 -7, 2026

Where: Camp KOHOE

9327 Red Arrow Hwy, Watervliet, MI 49098

Lodging: Each couple/ family will have their own room. Those recently Blessed in May 2026 will be separated by gender.

Transportation: We will not provide transportation, please make your own accommodations.

Retreat Fee:

- \$180 per person
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This covers meals, accommodations, the carefully crafted program for your couple, and the beautiful Camp KOHOE experience!

Deadline to register is May 22nd.

[register here](#)

Webinar for Blessed Couples

Webinar for
Blessed Couples
“Mutual Pleasure
in the Blessing”

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- Building sexual intimacy that is enjoyable and God-centered
- Understanding each other’s needs without pressure
- Creating intimacy that you both look forward to

Register for Free!

Speakers:
**David & Mitsue
Wolfenberger**



What does healthy, God-centered intimacy actually look like in the Blessing?

Join David & Mitsue Wolfenberger for a candid webinar for Blessed Couples on building intimacy that is enjoyable, pressure-free, and deeply connected. We’ll explore how to better understand each other’s needs, communicate openly, and create a relationship you both genuinely look forward to growing in together!

May 9 at 2pm EST / 8 pm CET.

[join here](#)

food for thought

Little Things Matter More Than We Realize



by Myrna Lapres

We teach our children to read, write, clean-up after themselves, and how to behave as best we can. But we don't always teach the things that protect their confidence, boundaries, and self-worth--some of the areas that people struggle with most in adulthood.

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Testimony from Hannara Iruone Bila & Peter Ndugi Mubambe

Dear True Mother,

With a heart overflowing with gratitude, I want to share the story of how True Parents' love and wisdom led me to the greatest blessing of my life: my fiancé and the eternal family we are about to build together.

Before the matching, I will be honest – in the months leading up to it, my heart was filled with both excitement and fear. I had been praying deeply, asking Heavenly Parent to guide me, but I also carried many doubts. Was I ready? Was I worthy of such a blessing?

I remember spending many quiet nights praying and asking God to prepare my heart for whoever He had chosen for me. I desperately wanted to trust the process, but trust does not always come easily.

Then the day of the matching finally arrived, and I felt a stillness come over me that I can only describe as grace. Standing in that holy moment, I understood that this was not just about me; it was about building something eternal.

When I first saw my fiancé, I did not feel fireworks in the way the world describes love. What I felt was something quieter and far more powerful – a deep sense of recognition, as if my soul already knew.

True Mother, your love made that moment possible. Your sacrifice and devotion to building true families gave me the foundation to stand on. As we prepare for the Blessing, my heart is full of joy and anticipation for the life we are about to begin together.

If you are a young person reading this and waiting for your match, please know that your prayers are being heard. Do not be afraid of the process. Do not let the world's version of love make you doubt the beauty of what Heavenly Parent has prepared for you. Trust True Mother. Trust the Blessing. Your eternal partner is worth the wait.

True Mother, thank you. Thank you for your endless

love, your sacrifice, and your unwavering commitment to building God's family on earth. Because of you, I have a home, a fiancé, and a purpose. My future family exists because you never gave up on us.

With deepest love and eternal gratitude,

Hannara Iruone Bila
Second Generation
Daughter of Nselama and Mercedita Bila



Testimony from Junna Ueda & Hiroaki Okazaki >

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*Blessed Family
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[@Fukuya.Sano](#)*

3rd North America & Japan online networking

We are pleased to announce the 3rd North America & Japan online networking event. This exchange meeting provides a valuable opportunity for second generation candidates to meet online, interact, and get to know each other.

[Organizers & Support]

This networking event is hosted by the Blessed Families Support Association led by second generations in Japan, co-hosted by the 1800 couple association in Japan, together with the U.S.-Japan matching supporters from the U.S. church, and second generation families residing in America, who will also provide interpretation support.

Event Details

Date & Time

- May 22nd, 2026 (Fri) 9 pm to 12 am (EDT) / 6 pm to 9 pm (PDT)

* (May 23rd, 2026 (Sat) 10 am to 11 pm in Japan time)

Format: Online via ZOOM (with interpretation)

Participants: Second generation from North America and Japan who wish for an international blessing.

Capacity: Approx. 10 U.S. brothers, 10 U.S. sisters

Age: 22 to 39 years old.

Fee: \$20

Application Deadline: A week before the event.

How to Apply: Register at:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfeq2TjhvwoH-uF9t19f73PdjDW9nXPlyiQE1noEH5cxOIYvg/viewform?usp=header>

Important Notes

1. A participant list with photos and intro videos will be distributed in advance (approximately a few days before the event). Parents and children should discuss this with each other and think about who they would like to speak with.
2. Refunds are not available after payment of the participation fee.
3. You will be able to join this event, even if you are not approved as a candidate yet.

4. You need to submit a short video to introduce yourself, it can be short and simple. It will be distributed before the event as mentioned above.

[Matching Process on the Day]

- There will be two or three small group interactions on the day, so you can talk to everyone in your small group. (Interpretation will be provided.)
- After the small group interaction, select 1 to 3 people you'd like to talk to one-on-one in the Google Form.
- After the event, we will officially notify those who are matched via email.

3rd NA-Japan online networking registration

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Date & Time:

- May 22nd, 2026 (Fri) 9 pm to 12 am (EDT) / 6 pm to 9 pm (PDT)

Format : Online via ZOOM (with interpretation)

Age : 22 and plus

Fee : \$20 (We will collect it after we received your registration)

Application Deadline : May 18th

More details :

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1m8Y2bcG5VNePz88xK4H6TD5DWglDHSDBv66VTnUXaQE/edit?usp=sharing>



The name, email, and photo associated with your Google account will be recorded when you upload files and submit this form

* Indicates required question

Name *

Your answer

Phone number *

Your answer



Email *

Your answer

Gender *

Male

Female

Age *

Your answer

Height *

Your answer

State *

Your answer

Current occupation or situation, and plan for future *

Your answer

Are you a matching candidate? *

Yes, I'm approved matching candidate.

I'm working on it.

Not yet. / don't know.

Father's name *

Your answer _____

Mother's name *

Your answer _____

Parent's contact number *

Your answer _____

Your matching supporter's name *

Your answer _____

Your matching supporter's email (If you don't have a matching supporter, please *
put someone who introduced you to this event, or your parent's email)

Your answer _____

Preferred partner's age *

years old ~ years old

Your answer _____

Your language skill *

English

Japanese

Other: _____

Do you need interpreter during the event? *

Yes, I need interpreter.

No, I don't need interpreter.

Other: _____

Where do you prefer to live together in the future? *

U.S.

Japan

Either

Other: _____

Please briefly describe any medical issues that might affect your future spouse or *
family

Your answer _____

Please share the reason you are hoping to get a international blessing *

Your answer

Please introduce yourself as you would to your future spouse and in-laws *

Your answer

Please upload your picture. *

Upload 1 supported file. Max 100 MB.

 Add file

Please upload short intro video (about 1 minute).

Upload 1 supported file. Max 100 MB.

 Add file

The beginning of the event (not the small groups) will be recorded. We will only share this recording with the matching supporters that ask. *

I have read the above and I agree

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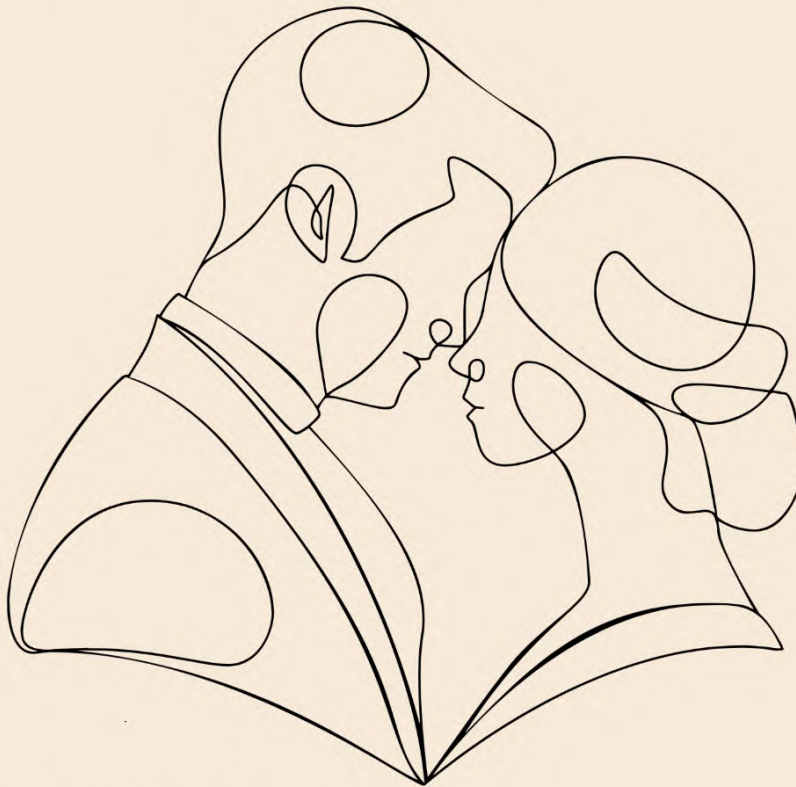


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Hear from:

Debby Gullery -



Debby Gullery is a marriage and relationship coach, helping individuals, couples and families to live and love wholeheartedly.

She has been teaching preparation for marriage, marriage enrichment and parenting seminars around the country and overseas for more than 25 years.

She is the author of a book entitled *Small Steps to Bigger Love*, where she shares practical tools and strategies for building the kind of love relationships we all really want.

Debby married to her Kiwi husband for 42 years, and has three children and two fabulous grandsons.

Sandra and John Lowen -



Bio:

John Lowen, MSW, BCE, is a licensed clinical social worker with more than forty years' experience working as a clinical forensic therapist. Along with being an award winning filmmaker, and dedication towards the Home Church Providence, John facilitates and participates in several men's groups.

Sandra Lowen, PhD, MS, BS/BA, is a licensed clinical social worker with more than thirty-eight years' experience working as a supervising social worker, trauma therapist and clinical diagnostician. She holds certifications in Sexology, Suicidology, Marriage, Family, Grief, Veterans, and other treatment modalities. Sandra is an ordained minister since 1972, a Divine Principle lecturer and an author of several novels, articles, poems, and musical compositions.

The Lowens have maintained a private therapy practice since 1992, specializing in couples, family, and group therapy, and have conducted marriage and other seminars throughout the United States.

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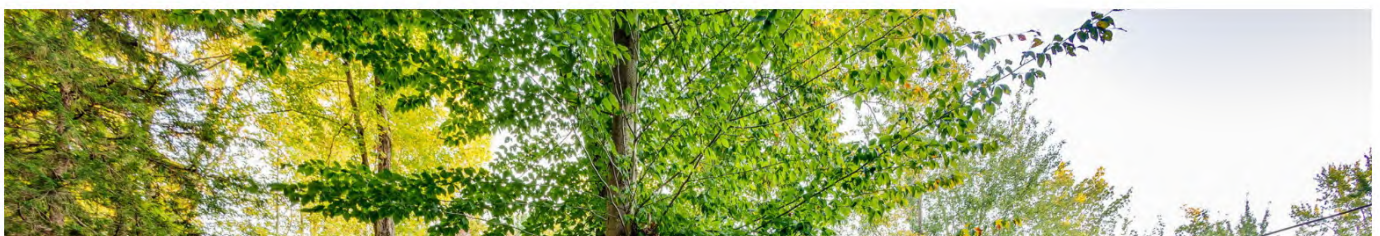
Transportation: We will not provide transportation, please make your own accommodations. But if you need a ride, you can let staff know and we will do our best to help you.

DEADLINE: Friday May 22nd

Retreat Fee:

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This covers all food and accommodations, the carefully crafted program for your couple, and accommodations for our speakers, all at the beautiful Camp KOHOE! Including a comfortable bedroom for your couple/ family, kayaking at a lake, a pool, and walking trails, enjoy the weekend in nature!





Your Information

Name*	<input type="text" value="First"/>	<input type="text" value="Last"/>	
Date of Birth*	<input type="text" value="Month"/>	<input type="text" value="Day"/>	<input type="text" value="Year"/>
Gender*	<input type="radio"/> Male <input type="radio"/> Female		
Email*	<input type="text" value="Email Address"/>		
Church Community*	<input type="text"/>		
Year of Blessing*	<input type="text"/>		
What inspired you to attend the retreat?*	<input type="text"/>		
What are some questions you have regarding creating a thriving Blessed marriage? And what specific testimonies and discussions would interest you?*	<input type="text" value="We will do our best to meet these points"/>		
Any dietary restrictions or allergies?*	<input type="text"/>		
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Register for "Mutual Pleasure in the Blessing"

Come with your spouse or by yourself! All are invited!

Register below to get access to the link.



* Indicates required question

Email *

Your email



First Name *

Your answer

Last Name *

Your answer

Gender *

Male

Female

Blessing year *

Your answer

Do you need translation? *

We cannot guarantee that we will have translation. For the breakout session we will put those with the same languages together.

Yes

No

What language do you need translation for?

Your answer

Phone (for Webinar WhatsApp group)

Please include country code.

Your answer

Join the High Noon Couples Newsletter

Yes

No

I'm already in

A copy of your responses will be emailed to the address you provided.

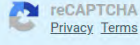
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