



MEMO: BFD 2010-11-10

**To: District Directors, State and Church Leaders, Blessed Central Families From: National Blessed Family Department**

**Re: PARENTS' MATCHING CONVOCATION AT UTS -NOVEMBER 19-21, 2010**

**Final Reminder and Guidelines for Participating Candidates 24 and Older**

**Date: November 10, 2010**

**Register by November 16th and Save \$50**

This is a final reminder for parents about the last Parents Matching Convocations (PMC) this year. For this PMC, matching candidates who are 24 years or older are welcome to participate, to learn more about the process and how to prepare, and take a more active role in their own search for a partner. The program will be held November 19-21 at the UTS Conference Center in Barrytown, NY. Important details and guidance for participating candidates follow. For further information, or to register, visit the [www.familyfed.org](http://www.familyfed.org) members' homepage and click on the PMC banner, or go to [www.blessedfamilies.org](http://www.blessedfamilies.org) and click the pink PMC banner below the login area on the right.

### **I. Registration**

Registration for the PMC is \$125 per person, \$200 per couple, and \$75 for each additional family member, until November 16th. This includes conference materials and meals. Candidates attending individually pay a special rate of \$100. There are higher fees for registration after November 16th. For further information visit the online registration site

### **II. Schedule**

Onsite registration opens at 4:00 PM Friday November 19th (pre-registering online will save you money and time at the conference registration). Dinner is at 6:00 PM, but must be ordered at the time of online pre-registration. The program begins at 7:30 that evening, and closes at the Manhattan Center in NYC at 4:00 PM on Sunday, November 21st.

### **III. Participating BC Candidates 24 Years and Older**

The program is not designed for candidates' social networking, but for education. All participants will join the main plenary sessions, and BC's will meet in separate groups during breakout sessions. Of course you may also wish to meet other parents attending the PMC.

### **IV. Translation and Special Session for Japanese Participants**

There will be translation available for Japanese participants throughout the PMC. Also, Mr. Yuji Otomo, Educator and Counselor for BFD- Japan and International Couples in Korea, will speak at a special session for Japanese participants and their spouses. Be sure to bring radios.

### **V. Accommodations**

Accommodations are the responsibility of each participant. For housing choices and further information, visit the online registration site.

### **VI. Preparing Candidate Profiles**

Parents who intend to display a candidate should be sure to:

- A. Have your child complete the candidate profile page at the PMC registration site.** This allows candidates to participate in Matchbook, PMC's, or both, and designate a preferred level of accessibility.
- B. Complete the additional 9-question personality profile at the profile page.** This is optional for Matchbook participants but required for candidates at the PMC. ***Candidates should complete these profiles themselves, with the support of their parents.***
- C. Upload three good-quality photos at the profile page:** one half-length (head & torso) and one full-length of the

candidate, and one family photo. The profile and photos are required, and must be uploaded by November 14th. If parents bring photos or profiles to the PMC that require scanning or copying to be displayed, there will be a \$20 charge, and we cannot guarantee how quickly the material will be ready for display.

You can also visit the link below and use one or more of the resources recommended there to more fully understand your adult child's character, and prepare a fuller profile:

[.http://www.familyfed.org/members/index.php?option=com\\_content&view=category&layout=blog&id=949&Itemid=626](http://www.familyfed.org/members/index.php?option=com_content&view=category&layout=blog&id=949&Itemid=626)

Be creative! A poem, photo montage or personal story also conveys who you are, and can be added to your profile at the PMC. Parents can also prepare "contact cards" with the candidate's picture and your family's contact info to give to other parents at the PMC.

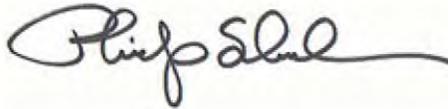
**IMPORTANT:** If your candidate submitted a profile for the PMC in 2009 or earlier and it has not been updated, you must contact us at [BFAdmin@unification.org](mailto:BFAdmin@unification.org) if you wish to still be displayed. Profiles must be updated and improved, with your adult child's permission and participation. We will not display any old profiles unless we have heard from the candidate that they wish to be displayed.

For additional information, visit the registration site or contact [BFAdmin@unification.org](mailto:BFAdmin@unification.org). We look forward to seeing parents and older candidates at UTS, and to supporting families in the process of matching and Blessing. May God be with you and your family.

Sincerely,



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