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Announcing Second-Generation Blessing Workshop August 27-28

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To: District Directors, State & Church Leaders, Blessed Central Families
From: National Blessed Family Ministry
Re: LEVEL 1 BLESSING WORKSHOP: Understanding the Blessing
August 27-28, 2011 at the Lovin' Life learning Center, 4 W. 43rd Street, New York, NY
Date: August 4, 2011

We are pleased to announce an exciting opportunity for **Blessed Children 16 years and older** who wish to explore and understand the power, meaning and purpose of the Blessing of Marriage in the Unification Faith. A "Level 1" Blessing workshop, "Understanding the Blessing," will be held August 27-28, 2011 at the Lovin' Life Learning Center, 4 W. 43rd Street, New York, NY.

This program addresses the value of the Blessing, and how to prepare for it. It helps participants consider where they are at in their personal and social development, what an "I-deal" partner is, and how to work on becoming one. It looks at the differences between love and infatuation, matching and dating, and Blessing and marriage. The presenters are experienced counselor and marriage educator John Williams, director of counseling for the Blessed Family Ministry (BFM) Mrs. Debby Gullery, and BFM director Rev. Phillip Schanker. We will also hear testimonies from BCs who have experienced matching and Blessing. As always, youth should attend because they want to. It is not recommended that parents push or force their children to attend.

The program will begin at 8:00 AM on Saturday, August 27th, at the Lovin' Life Learning Center at 4 W. 43rd Street in New York City, and ends at 5:00 PM on Sunday, August 28th. Participants can register online at <http://events.constantcontact.com/register/event?llr=butvqyeab&oeidk=a07e4iqtd68a22e8079>. The workshop fee is \$100 per participant (to cover costs) for those that register and pay by Monday, August 22nd, \$120 for those that pay after the 22nd, and \$150 for walk-ins on August 27th.

For those traveling by air, bus transportation is available from area airports to Grand Central Station, one block from the learning center, for \$12-15 one-way. Airtrain service is available from Newark and JFK. Amtrak trains service Manhattan, arriving near the New Yorker Hotel, one mile from the Learning Center. If traveling by car, be aware that parking in Manhattan is limited and extremely expensive.

For questions or registration assistance, contact BFDadmin@unification.org, or your district BFD.

May God bless you and your family.

Sincerely,

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