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Rescheduled Level 1 Blessing Workshop: Understanding the Blessing

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MEMO: BFD 2011-09-29

To: District Directors, State & Church Leaders, Blessed Central Families
From: National Blessed Family Ministry
Re: RESCHEDULED LEVEL 1 BLESSING WORKSHOP: Understanding the Blessing
October 14-16, 2011 at the Lovin' Life Learning Center, 4 W. 43rd Street, New York, NY
Date: September 29, 2011

This is a reminder 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. The "Level I" Blessing workshop, "Understanding the Blessing," postponed due to the late August hurricane, will be held October 14-16, 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. Parents shouldn't push or force them to attend.

The program begins at 8:00 AM on Saturday, October 15th (registration opens at 7:30 AM) at the Lovin' Life Learning Center at 4 W. 43rd Street in New York City, and ends at 4:00 PM on Sunday, October 16th. The fee is \$100 per participant (to cover costs) for those that register and pay by October 7th, \$120 for those who register after the 7th, and \$150 for walk-ins on October 15th. Participants can register online at <http://events.constantcontact.com/register/event?llr=butvqyeab&oeidk=a07e4sho8hb2077ee01>. Those who registered and paid for the August workshop that was cancelled may contact the Blessed Family Ministry at BFDadmin@unification.org to transfer your registration or receive a refund.

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 BFM.

May God bless you and your family.

Sincerely,

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