



April 17, 2017

Dear Leaders and Families,

The upcoming Cosmic Blessing Ceremony will take place in conjunction with the 5th Anniversary of True Father's Seonghwa Ceremony on Thursday, September 7, 2017 (7.1 by the Heavenly Calendar). The Cosmic Blessing is an opportunity for us to respond to True Parents' vision to share our Heavenly Parent's love, life, and lineage with America and the world through the Holy Marriage Blessing.

Matched couples and married couples are invited to participate in this momentous opportunity to receive the Holy Marriage Blessing directly from our True Mother in Korea at the CheongShim Peace World Center on September 7, as well as at various locations in the United States on the evening of September 6. Communities throughout the USA are encouraged to host a Blessing Ceremony on September 6 in conjunction with the main event in Korea.

All couples planning to attend the Blessing Ceremony must complete the [Online Application](#) prior to **July 28, 2017**. More detailed information about participating in Korea or the USA is below.

[To receive updates about the Korea Blessing Experience, please join the mailing list by clicking here.](#)

The Korea Blessing Experience

A fun and memorable program will be prepared for couples and their families from the USA, including the Cosmic Blessing Ceremony, sightseeing in Korea, marriage education, and activities for couples and families. The Korea Blessing Experience will be an event worth the travel for anyone who attends, especially for matched couples, who will have the opportunity to begin their Blessed marriage in an unforgettable way. In addition, expenses for transportation within Korea, meals, accommodation, and activities will be covered by the Blessing Offering for participating couples.

The main Cosmic Ceremony, officiated by True Parents, will be held at the Cheongshim Peace World Center in Cheong Pyeong, Korea on September 7, 2016. True Mother is looking forward to welcoming many couples from around the world to Korea for the celebration. **Participants and their families should plan to arrive in Korea on September 5 and depart Korea on September 9.** Additional information will be available at a later date. Be sure to [sign up for the mailing list](#) to receive the latest updates.

[View photos of last year's Korea Blessing Experience](#)

The USA Blessing Experience

The main Cosmic Blessing Ceremony in Korea will be broadcast live at locations throughout the USA on the evening of September 6, 2017. Local communities throughout the nation are encouraged to prepare beautiful Blessing Ceremonies for the couples in your area.

As a Tribal Messiah or Pastor

This will also be a key opportunity for us to invite married couples (our friends, relatives, neighbors, coworkers, etc.) to receive the Marriage Blessing from True Parents. For more information on hosting a local ceremony [click here](#).

[View photos of last year's USA Blessing Experience](#)

Upcoming Start Smart: Level 3 Blessing Workshop

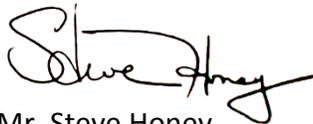
A National Level 3 Blessing Workshop will be held on June 23-25, 2017 at the Unification Theological Seminary in New York for matched couples preparing to receive the Marriage Blessing. The content is designed to support couples in preparation for married life and the Marriage Blessing. It features valuable content, including the meaning and value of the Marriage Blessing and practical guidance on relationships, communication, male-female differences, and building intimacy. [Registration is now open!](#)

We wish you the very best in your preparations for this upcoming Cosmic Blessing Ceremony! Our national Blessing & Family Ministry team can be contacted at bfmadmin@unification.org to answer any questions.

Sincerely,



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