

January, 2013 Newsletter

Dear Everyone,

A newsletter is a simple way to deliver a lot of information quickly. Since I did not have a lot of news to offer from September to December, I did not bother you with a newsletter. Now I think it is time to provide one which will clarify one important thing as well as update you on some changes

### DO NOT CONFUSE THE NEW ONLINE BLESSING APPLICATION AND OMS

This concerns only candidates that file under the USA system.

Just a few days ago the BFM – USA launched the long awaited online Blessing Application. There is some confusion about the need for both (BA and OMS), so let me explain.

The BFM – USA online Blessing Application <u>REPLACES</u> the paper application. Any individuals who are not yet matched--and who, therefore, will not attend the upcoming blessing in February--will have to fill out the blessing application via the online system. Even if you filled out the paper application, it is mandatory that you fill out the online Blessing Application at some point in time. May I suggest: the sooner, the better! The BFM has worked very hard to create this online system to make the required blessing paperwork more efficient and easily accessible to people who need to access it. Even though today it might seem like a lot of duplication, the new application should simplify and expedite the process for every person who wants to attend a blessing in the future.

The OMS is **NOT** a blessing application. It is simply a tool that helps blessing candidates and their matching advisors search for a match. That is the sole purpose of OMS.

#### Therefore, you need BOTH.

<u>Redundancy:</u> As it was with the paper application, at this point in time you will notice redundancy between the Blessing Application and OMS. For now, it cannot be avoided. I am hoping to work more closely with the BFM staff to eliminate this unnecessary redundancy.

## WHAT'S NEW WITH OMS?

OMS is getting a serious programming overhaul.

Here is what we are working on (with the goal of completion by January 31<sup>st,</sup> 2013)

# Email system between candidates

Up to now a candidate interested in the limited profile of another candidate was able to send an email to the candidate but could not receive a direct answer. The candidate would have to wait for the MAs to correspond with each other which took way too long.

The updated email system will provide easy give and take between candidates across the board. Therefore questions will easily become answers and waiting times will be greatly reduced.

This email system will not be for candidates to chit chat with each other on a regular basis but simply to get clarification on some specific item relating to someone else's profile.

The email between candidates will be monitored (but not censored) by both related MAs and by the administrative staff of OMS.

### Automated email system

Automated emails will work as follows:

#### An email will be sent:

To any applicant who has registered but did not return or access their file within 30 days To any applicant who has registered but did not return or access their file within 60 days To any applicant who has registered but did not return or access their file within 90 days Registration will be cancelled if there is no response after the 90 day period.

To any applicant who has not accessed OMS within the last 30 days.

To any applicant who has not accessed OMS within the last 60 days.

To any applicant who has not accessed OMS within the last 90 days.

OMS application will be put on hold if there is no response after the 90 day period.

To any candidate who has not accessed OMS within the last 90 days.

This is to make sure that a candidate keeps his or her file up to date on a regular basis.

#### **Control Panel:**

The control Panel is especially for Advisors and Administrators. The control panel will allow access to the new email system to view correspondence. The control panel will also allow the administrative staff to have a more detailed review of all activities which have taken place on OMS. The viewing and printing of a full profile is especially important so that OMS can ensure the privacy of our candidates is never jeopardized. Deletion of or a hold placed on a file will **not** be automated. The control panel will allow us to review and verify each OMS candidate's file prior to deletion or hold.



## **OTHER ITEMS**

At the beginning of the year, a matching advisor accessing OMS was greeted by the following text:

Dear Matching Advisors,

Please read the following statement and sign it. It is presented to you only this one time. However, should any changes are made to this document, you will receive the updated version which you will also be asked to sign. Online Matching System is committed to the privacy of every applicant and candidate on this site. Any person who has access to an applicant's or candidate's data must be very diligent in helping us keep this commitment.

A full profile of a candidate cannot be viewed, printed, and/or given to anyone without prior consent of the candidate. If you are a Matching Advisor on OMS, you automatically have the right to view any and all full profiles of candidates; however, any other person working either in your office or in your home does not have that right. Please be very diligent in respecting this covenant between OMS and the candidates.

In addition to viewing a profile, sometimes printing a copy may be necessary. Please be very wise in keeping track of the copies you make. The full profile of a candidate can only be released to a third party with the approval of the candidate and the matching committee. If the two candidates do not continue their relationship, please be responsible to destroy these profiles, as they are no longer needed.

I agree to do my very best to keep the privacy of every applicant and candidate on OMS. By clicking [I agree] I have read and understood this important privacy policy statement.

I think that is all for today. We are now less than 40 days from Foundation Day. May that day be the beginning of a great era for God, the True Parents, and humankind. God bless you all,

Anne-Marie Mylar

# **STATS**

Stats as of January 15, 2013	
Countries	Totals
Australia	1
Belarus	1
Brazil	15
Canada	5
Congo-Brazzaville	5
Congo-Kinshasa	1
Costa-Rica	1
Denmark	1
Dominican-Republic	1
France	2
Germany	3
Guyana	2
Haiti	4
Hungary	1
Italy	1
Ivory-Coast	1
Japan	3

	Count of
Row Labels	MATCHSTATUS
Registered Only	16
Applicant	54
Candidate	66
21-Days	12
7-Months	11
Committed	2
<b>Grand Total</b>	162

Row Labels	Count of GENERATION
1st Gen	129
Jacob Gen	31
Associate Members	2
<b>Grand Total</b>	162

Stats as of January 15, 2013		
Countries	Totals	
Latvia	2	
Moldova	1	
Morocco	1	
Netherlands	1	
Nigeria	2	
Peru	12	
Philippines	6	
Russian-Federation	5	
South-Africa	1	
South-Korea	4	
Thailand	1	
Trinidad-and-Tobago	1	
Uganda	1	
United-Kingdom	2	
United-States	71	
Uruguay	1	
Grand Total	162	

Row Labels	<b>Candidates Only</b>
Brazil	7
Canada	1
Congo-Brazzaville	5
Congo-Kinshasa	1
Costa-Rica	1
Germany	1
Japan	1
Moldova	1
Peru	4
Russian-Federation	4
South-Korea	4
Thailand	1
Uganda	1
United-States	34
Grand Total	66