

Newsletter - January 2019

Dear Everyone,

It is January 7th, 2019. The year before us is full of mystery. It is my sincere hope that each of us can do something good, something that will make God smile and inspire us to be willing to do our best *everyday* for the betterment of humanity.

Please remember, you are not alone. Searching for and finding your heavenly spouse is harder than getting a Ph.D. in any field. Stay courageous. We are not perfect, mistakes happen—sometimes, *huge* mistakes—but guess what? In the eyes of our Heavenly Parent, we are still worth it. Like a sage from the past said, "Just put one foot in front of the other, never stop, and you will get there."

You will get there, it is a given!

How to Communicate Well

Many of you have learned to communicate well through the **Anonymous Messaging System**, but some of you are still very shy and do not know what to say or may be even uncomfortable on how to respond to a message.

As your coach, I want to provide some encouragement and ideas!

There is no wrong way to respond to a message if you follow these guidelines:

- Be respectful
- Be true to yourself
- Do not delay your response more than a few days

The longer you wait, the harder you might find it to respond. And, if you do not respond, you will probably not feel good, because you know that your lack of response is impolite. It's okay if you do not want to continue the conversation, but I advise you to let the person know: just be honest, be clear, and friendly.

Date: 10/22/2018 08:44 Subject: Greetings Message:Hello! If you wish to communicate with a Candidate, it is probably because you have read something in their profile that is of interest to you. So, mention it! Don't just say "Hi" and nothing else. If you do, the other person will not know what to say, except to respond with a "Hi" back to you. It's a start, but such

conversations don't help you to get to know each other easily or deeply.



The anonymity of the system works in your favor. Every Candidate on OMS feels what you feel:

Anxious, Exacted, Nervous, and Shy

All at once! All are normal feelings. How would you feel if you were going on a "blind date?" Wouldn't you have these feelings, before meeting the person?

You worked hard to become a Candidate, so I encourage you to not stop there—continue your journey. Remember, you are not alone. God and your Matching Team are there for you, too.

Some Stats on the Communication System

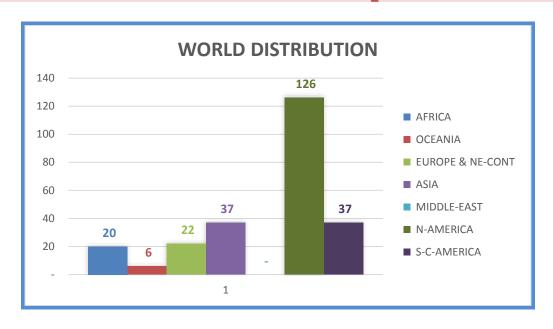
The Anonymous Messaging System of OMS is useful and has been used extensively for the last several years.

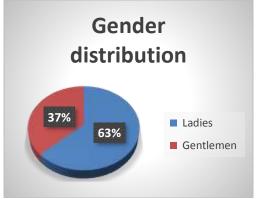
# of candidates who sent		
messages		
1 145		
1 106		
1 30 to 39		
2 20 to 29		
9 10 to 19		
16 5 to 9		
33 2 to 4		
36 1		
99 701		

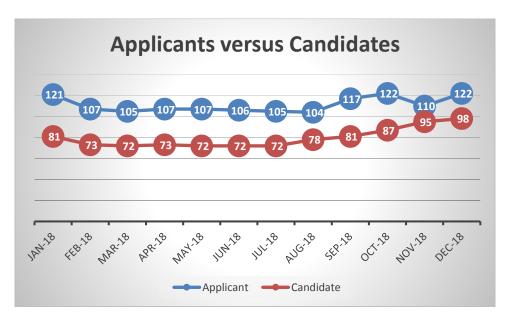
# of candidates who responded to messages		
1	125	
1	109	
1	26	
1	20	
12	10 to 19	
11	5 to 9	
23	2 to 4	
36	1	
25	did not read	
111	599	



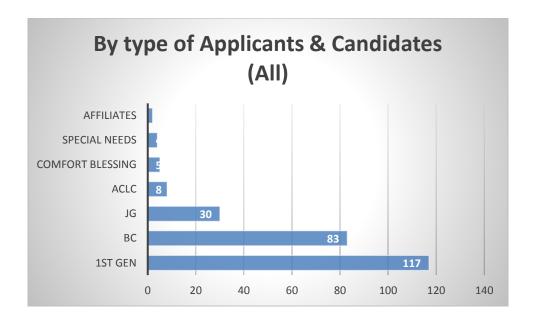
Stats of OMS Participants











May God's blessing be upon you all.

Sincerely,

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