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**To:** District Directors, State and Church Leaders, Unification Church Members

**From:** National Blessed Family Department

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**Re: A RENEWED MATCHING AND BLESSING SYSTEM FOR FIRST GENERATION UNIFICATIONISTS**

We are pleased to announce the launching of a renewed matching and Blessing process for members of the First Generation. In 2009, International President Rev. Hyung Jin Moon introduced new matching guidelines for the Cheon Il Guk era, when True Parents have bequeathed this responsibility to parents and their Blessed Children. We must also develop an effective tradition and process for the matching and Blessing of adult, First Generation Unificationists.

In the earlier "wilderness" era, our community was walking by faith in True Parents and focused upon providence. Each Blessing was a historical step in building the foundation for the Kingdom. The matching was conducted according to True Parents' authority and our trust in them. Lacking a strong education and support system, candidates were often Blessed with too little preparation. The providence advanced, but many couples struggled to live up to the ideals of the Blessing in their marriage and family life. Church leadership sought to represent True Parents in guiding the matching process. But without True Parents' authority and insight, this system did not inspire the same level of faith and commitment in many participants.

Our International President has called for the development of a system that reflects the priorities of this "settlement" era- to establish a strong community of healthy families, and a tradition of true love that all humankind can inherit. It includes more effective education, a process that respects the candidates' input and gives them time to take ownership of their matching commitment, and the support of trained matching advisors, to help candidates through each step of the matching process.

We would like to introduce an online matching system (OMS) that will serve new members, older adults, "Jacob-Generation" youth, as well as Ambassadors for Peace and other associate members. It will be linked to Europe, South America and elsewhere, providing a broader range of international possibilities for candidates. The BFD is training matching advisors, preparing a handbook, and developing new Blessing education for our First Generation and Jacob Children.

This education and matching process will begin in the New Year, with the first advisors' meeting to consider and recommend potential matches scheduled for March, 2011. In order to understand the process for becoming a candidate and prepare for it properly, applicants should register ASAP at <http://www.cheon-il-guk.org/matching.htm>. For questions or further information, contact your district BFD, or write to [uc.matching@gmail.com](mailto:uc.matching@gmail.com). We look forward to supporting each and every Unificationist in realizing the ideal of the Blessing.

Sincerely,

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