

# ONLINE MATCHING SYSTEM



March - September 2014 Newsletter

Dear Friends,

The title of this newsletter shows how many months it's been since I have worked on a newsletter. These days it seems that newsletters are coming from everywhere and my mailbox seems to be "bursting at the seams" with them. Prior to the onslaught of questions and work that are going to come towards us due to the upcoming Blessing, I wanted to say hello and give you some important updates. I may not send you another newsletter for several more months.

## CIGI TAX STATUS UPDATE

I am excited to announce that in July Cheon Il Guk Incorporated **was granted** the status of tax exempt as a non-profit organization from the Internal Revenue Service. This status officially started on May 17<sup>th</sup>, of this year. This is very important, because now I can fundraise in earnest, and if you feel inclined to give a little or a lot, you can now deduct it from your yearly tax returns.

## THE BFM AT THE FOREFRONT OF CHANGE

The Blessing and Family Ministry (BFM) is at the forefront of change. The Director, Crescentia DeGoede is not afraid to tackle taboo subjects. Following the desire of our True Parents to bring the Marriage Blessing to everyone, she and her staff are determined to find heavenly solutions to situations that until now were not being properly addressed. The national BFM team is tackling issues such as: Inter-generational Blessings, Inter-faith Blessings, witnessing to one's spouse, comfort blessings, and other complex issues that Unificationist face, are being discussed and heavenly solutions are being offered and approval from True Parents is being sought out. Be on the lookout for more information coming soon from the BFM about these issues.

## WITNESSING TO YOUR OWN SPOUSE

Witnessing to your own future spouse, is not a sin, or a mistake, it is a choice that was approved a long time ago by our True Father and is very much supported today by our True Mother. We have many older brothers and sisters who are still looking for a spouse. It is not always easy to find one's eternal partner among a limited pool of candidates. Some have, indeed, found their

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heavenly spouse by witnessing to individuals in their own circles and by visiting other churches.

## A BIT ABOUT OMS

OMS is continually seeking ways to grow our pool of candidates. Candidates from the continent of Africa are now signing up. There are many dedicated and gracious members in Africa, and I hope that all of them will find OMS very useful. I am grateful to Edwin Odua who is instrumental in helping and stimulating our precious members to register.

The pool of associate members utilizing OMS is also growing. Who are “Associate Members”? They are among a “new trend” of membership. They are people who recognize the value of the Marriage Blessing, and understand that Rev. and Mrs. Moon are very unique individuals who publicly and at the worldwide level challenge humankind to know and understand God’s ideal of creation and God’s desire to have a personal relationship with all humankind. Associate members understand the value of family, true love, and living for the sake of others.

They may worship in their own church, synagogue, or temple, but are willing, ready, and able to go through the requirements of the Marriage Blessing in order to make a public statement that, “True Love and Living for the Sake of Others” is the only way to create a peaceful world, and it starts by building a family living these same principles. They are our new type of missionaries. It takes courage and determination to do something different than what everyone expects. I am honored to help them find their heavenly spouse through OMS.

## NEW MATCHING HANDBOOK, ESPECIALLY FOR YOU

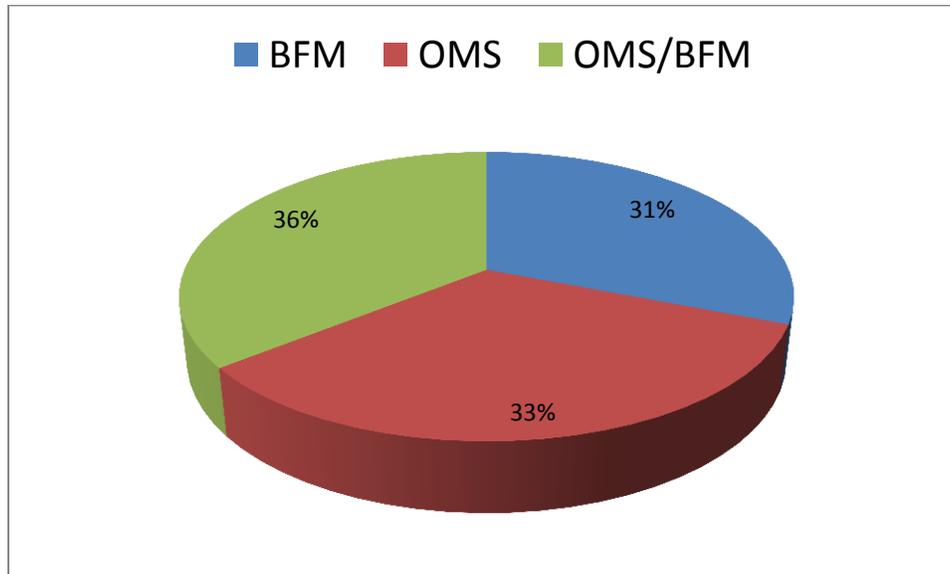
A new matching handbook has been in the works for a while and now it is going to the printer, should be available for sale in October. From the back cover you can read:

*This handbook is for single Unificationists and close friends of our faith community who are interested in the matching and Blessing process, and for those who will support them, to inherit the beautiful tradition of matching and the Blessing of Marriage. It is designed to assist them in developing a healthy, God-centered approach to finding their eternal partner and provide prospective couples with the confidence to take ownership of their final decision and make a lasting commitment.*

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## OMS STATS ON THE LAST THREE YEARS



The chart above tells us that of all American adult Unificationist couples (1<sup>st</sup> Gen, Jacob Gen, and Associate Members), Blessed in the last three years:

- 33% had both spouses registered on OMS.
- 36% had at least one spouse registered on OMS, and
- 31% found each other via other means.

May God bless you, be well,  
Sincerely,

  
Anne-Marie