

Corrections to the Family Matching Handbook

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Below are notes and corrections to the Family Matching Handbook 2nd edition. Please be aware of these corrections and edits as you read through the Handbook. A new and updated version will be available by mid 2021.

It will also be very helpful if you [subscribe to the BFM newsletter](#) that comes from the Blessing and Family Ministry USA for the latest updates concerning the Matching and Blessing.

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The word “Advisor” was changed to “Supporter” to align with most BFD in the world who use the expression Matching Supporter instead of Matching Advisor. The meaning is exactly the same. Many things have changed and evolved since this handbook was printed, and below are the most important edits that you should be aware of as you read and study the Family Matching Handbook, 2nd edition. Here is a [link to the Matching Supporters](#) on the BFM.FamilyFed.org website.

General notes (referred to at various locations in this handbook)

In the USA the “*Blessed Family Department*” is referred to as the “*Blessing and Family Ministry*”.

The “*Purity Interview*” is now referred to as “*Blessing Interview*”. Blessing Interviewers are now trained and certified by the BFM and may or may not be a Pastor. Here is a [link to Blessing Interviewers](#) in North America (BFM.FamilyFed.org/Matching Blessing Interviewers)

“*Parents*” *Matching Convocation* workshops are supplemented by “*Family*” *Matching* workshops and Blessed Children are encouraged to participate as well as Parents.

“[Matching Websites](#)” - information for all matching websites, is available on the BFM.familyfed.org under the “Matching” tab, select “Resources”..

Page 40: “Age” heading: There are no longer Cheon Il Guk matchings available.

Page 45: A 7 day fast is no longer required for Blessed Children, but a 3 day fast is recommended and encouraged.

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Page 46: "Photographs" and "Candidate Profile" paragraphs do not apply to the Matching Candidate Application ([link here](#)) located on the Blessing and Family Ministry Website. BUT the recommendations here, should be applied to the Candidate Profiles on all of the Matching Websites when the Candidate and Parents are ready to search for possible matching Candidates. (NOTE: the Matching Candidate Application is the application and qualification for the matching process and the Blessing, with the BFM: the Matching Websites are optional resources and tools to help search for a possible match; they are NOT the same)

Page 108: All Matching Application information and forms for North American Members are electronically uploaded on BFM.FamilyFed.org [here](#). After the commitment ceremony, a picture of your couple and the Matching Report Form are uploaded by both the brother and sister to their Matching Application. For Members in other countries and regions please contact your Blessed Family Department for information, forms and the process to be followed.

Page 108: The I-Deal Year is now referred to as the "[Intentional Year](#)"

Page 134: D. First Generation as well as Blessed Children are invited to attend the Blessing Education Workshops together. The matching process for First Generation and Blessed Children has evolved and they are nearly identical; in the process for First Generation matching, Matching Supporters are in the parental role. Matching Supporters are not required for the Family Matching Process, but can often be a helpful member of the Team.

Page 142: [Matching Advisors/Supporters](#) are listed on the BFM.FamilyFed.org website under "Matching" tab.

Page 155: The updated version of the "[Matching Plan worksheet](#)" is available on the BFM.FamilyFed.org website located under "Forms".

Page 167: Updated list of helpful "[Matching Discussion Questions](#)" is available on the BFM.FamilyFed.org website under "Matching" tab.