

The Gathering

Participant Survey

Section 1: Background Information

Information about yourself

1. Name: _____
2. Year of birth: _____
3. Current place of residence: _____
4. Marital status: Never married Married Divorced Widowed
5. Occupation: _____
6. Highest level of education: _____

Information About Your Family:

To assist us in planning workshops and activities for your spouse or significant other, please provide the following information.

7. Information about your spouse or significant other:
Birthplace: _____
Ethnicity: _____
Is your spouse or significant other adopted? Yes No
8. Do you have children? Yes No

Section 2: Adoption History

1. Year of adoption: _____
2. Age at time of adoption: _____
3. Where were you living just prior to your adoption? Birth family Foster family Orphanage
4. Which agencies were involved in your adoption? In Korea: _____
In receiving country: _____
5. Where did your adoptive family live at the time of your adoption? (City, State, Country) _____

6. Adoptive parents:

	Father	Mother
Birthplace		
Race/Ethnicity		
Occupation		

7. Adoptive siblings

Name	Age (at time of your adoption)	Adopted? If yes, from which country?

8. Was adoption a positive topic of discussion in your home?

If yes, what was the ethnic background of the people you dated in college? (Check as many as apply)

- Korean Other Asian Caucasian African American
 Chicano/Latino Other _____

-or-

Too diverse to classify

6. Did your dating change after college? Yes No N/A

If yes, what was the ethnic background of the people you dated in college? (Check as many as apply)

- Korean Other Asian Caucasian African American
 Chicano/Latino Other _____

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Were/are your dating patterns affected by the attitudes of your parents toward different races? Yes No

Section 5: Adulthood Experiences/Feelings

1. How do you think of yourself ethnically, now?

If you think of yourself ethnically now in a different way than you did when you were growing up, what do you think has made the difference for you?

2. As an adult, have you explored your Korean culture? If so, how have you done this? (Classes, organizations, etc.)

3. What is the ethnic background of the people who live in your current neighborhood? (Check as many as apply)

- Korean Other Asian Caucasian African American
 Chicano/Latino Other _____

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4. Who are your friends now? (Check as many as apply)

- Korean Other Asian Caucasian African American
 Chicano/Latino Other _____

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5. Do you speak Korean? None Understand but do not speak Some knowledge Fluent

6. Do you know your Korean name? If yes, what is it?

What does it mean?

Do you use your Korean name? Yes No

In what context? Always Only professionally Only in personal settings and relationships

7. Who are your children's friends? (Check as many as apply)

- Korean Other Asian Caucasian African American
 Chicano/Latino Other _____

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If you have visited Korea, please answer the questions in the following section. If not, indicate N/A and skip to section 6.

Section 6: Korean Travel

1. How many times have you visited Korea?

2. What was the purpose of your first trip?

3. Who has traveled to Korea with you?

4. Is there an occasion on which you regularly visit Korea?

5. Do you have any feelings about how you were treated in Korea that you would like to share?

Section 6: Search and Reunion

1. Are you interested in searching for your birth family? What are your reasons for your interest in searching?

2. Have any members of your birth family made an effort to search for you? Yes No

If you or members of your birth family have made efforts to search, please answer the questions in the following section. If not, indicate N/A and skip to the Optional section.

3. What were you able to learn? Identity/Information about my birth mother
 Identity/Information about my birth father Identity/Information about my siblings
 Other (Please specify)

4. What resources were helpful in conducting the search?

5. Please describe the types of contact you have had with birth relatives. (Meeting in person, exchange of letters, etc)

6. What has happened since your initial reunification?

7. Do you have any future plans with regards to your search?

8. If you were unable to find any birth relatives, what are your expectations with regards to search now?

Optional

To help us develop the Gathering in a way that is most meaningful to all participants, please share with us information about any of the following:

- Aspects of your experience that you would want to share either with other international adoptees in general or Korean adoptees in specific.
- Aspects of your experience that you would want to share with persons involved in adoption policy or practice.
- Aspects of your experience that you would want to share with persons interested in adopting Koreans or other children from outside their own country.
- Aspects of your current life (professional or family or interactions with friends) that are related to your childhood adoption experience.
- Importance of either Korean culture or the culture of the country in which you are currently living in your life.
- Feelings about how Korea handles child welfare.
- Feelings about your adoptive family/community.
- Feelings about your experiences with search and reunion.

Indicate whether you would like this information to be treated as confidential or whether you would be willing to share in an anthology.

Please return your completed survey to:

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