

United Methodist Marriage and Family Ministries
Upcoming Events and Training Opportunities
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The following events and programs have been recommended by different United Methodists around the connection. The websites will tell you more about each program. You can also check in the Directory of Programs at www.smartmarriages.com for a schedule of upcoming programs and events offered through a variety of marriage, family, and relationship organizations. See the following websites for other dates and locations of events:

Building Better Marriages (ACME): www.bettermarriages.org
Building Relationships (for teens): www.BuildingRelationshipSkills.org
Cornerstone (preventing and healing pornography and sexual addictions) :
www.cornerstonetraining.org
Family Dynamics: www.familydynamics.net
Family Life: www.weekendtoremember.com
Growing Toward Oneness: www.marriages.net
Imago (Harville Hendrick and Helen Hunt
<http://gettingtheloveyouwant.com/couples/workshops>
Marriage Encounter and Engaged Encounter schedules: <http://encounter.org/index.html>
PREPARE/ENRICH Inventories training and certification: www.prepare-enrich.com
PREP, CPREP, etc. training and certification: www.prepinc.com
Retrouvaille (for troubled couples and those in crisis) : www.retrouvaille.org
Right Start (How to Avoid Falling for a Jerk, Boot Camp for Dads, Preparing for
Marriage, 10 Great Dates): www.rightfromthestart.org/calendar

Please notify me of other websites and events to be posted here.

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Better Marriages (ACME) Leadership Training Workshops,
August 27-28, 2010, Rockwall, TX, Module IV
October 28-30, 2010 Clayton, GA, Module IV
(Modules I and III to be done online.)
800-634-8325, acme@bettermarriages.org

Marriage Conference **August 20-21, 2010, Richmond, VA,**
“Laugh Your Way to a Better Marriage” with Mark Gungor LIVE, sponsored by the First
Things First of Greater Richmond Marriage Enrichment Coalition.
<http://www.firstthingsrichmond.org/laugh.html>

Better Marriages (ACME) Leadership Training Workshop (two weekends, both required)
August 27-29 and Nov. 12-14, 2010, Raleigh-Durham,
800-634-8325, www.bettermarriages.org

Dibble Institute free training and curriculum materials for Connections and Love U2 programs, **August 31st, Indianapolis, IN**. If you work with youth and can reach at least 30 students then you may be eligible to receive FREE curriculum (\$450-\$600 value) and a \$75 benchmark payment upon completing the curriculum with your 30 students. Successful applicants must be able to deliver a minimum of 8 hours of instruction to 30 high school students by May 30, 2011. To apply please email Natalie Middleton at natalie@dibbleinstitute with the following information: First and last name; Phone numbers (work and cell); Street Address/City/State/Zip; Email; Organization; Preferred curriculum (Connections: Dating and Emotions or Love U2); and a brief description of your plan to reach 30 students. Visit www.dibbleinstitute.com and click on Our Programs to learn more about the offered curriculums. A similar opportunity is available in **Sacramento, CA, September 18th**. For more information and to register, go to <http://sacmarriage.org/Programs%20Connections>

Love without Hurt Boot Camp: Turn Resentment, Anger, or Emotional Abuse into a Compassionate, Loving Relationship, **September 10-12, Gaithersburg, MD** (near Washington, DC) www.compassionpower.com

California Healthy Marriage Project “Mastering the Mysteries of Love” **Sacramento, CA, September 11 and September 25, 2010**, 8:30 am - 5:00 pm (both days)

Better Marriages (ACME) Leadership In-Service, **September 17 (1-4 p.m.) Hutchinson Island, FL** 813-251-2791, calende@TampaBay.rr.com

ACME Better Marriages Retreat, **September 17-19, 2010, Hutchison Island, Florida**
Cindy & Ross Alander, 813-251-2791

Marriage Encounter United Methodist, **September 17-19, 2010, York, PA**
Contact Rich & Tammy Fritz at 717-252-3937 or rjfritz1@comcast.net
www.encounter.org

California Healthy Marriage Project, “Mastering the Mysteries of Love” leadership training, **Sacramento, CA, October 1-3, 2010**. (Pre-requisite: Mastering the Mysteries of Love experience; see September 11 and 25th, above). For more information and/or to register, go to <http://sacmarriage.org/Programs%20MML%20Facilitator>

Marriage Enrichment, Inc. Weekend Event: Healthy Minds, Healthy Bodies, Healthy Marriages, **October 8-10, 2010, Mt. Bethel, PA** Contact Knute and Shirley Hancock, 973-291-4741 or knute993@aol.com

Cornerstone Training: “Understanding and Treating Sexual Addiction,” **October 15-16, 2010, Atlanta, GA**, 770-457-3089, www.cornerstonetraining.org

Better Marriages (ACME) Marriage Enrichment Weekend, **October 15-17, 2010, Berkeley Springs, WV** Contact Barbara and Don Fairfield 301-552-4330 bdfair@verizon.net

Marriage Encounter United Methodist Weekend, **October 15-17, 2010, Eaton, MD**
866-633-3862, www.encounter.org

Family Dynamics Institute's Marriage Ministry Training Workshop, PA, **October 22-24, 2010, Philadelphia, PA**. At this Marriage Ministry training workshop you will be certified to lead the Dynamic Marriage, Dynamic Marriage II, Dynamic Love, Dynamic Families transformational marriage courses, and more. Contact Joshua Persall at 615-627-0751 or jpersall@familydynamics.net .

Growing Toward Oneness Marriage Conference, **October 22-24, 2010, Linden, TN**
615-282-8363, gtocentral@marriage.net, www.marriages.net

Healthy Teen Network 31st Annual National Conference, “A Time of Opportunity: Engaging Communities in Supporting Healthy Youth and Young Families,” **October 26-29, 2010, Austin, TX** , <http://healthyteennetwork.org/>

“Do No Harm” Sexual Ethics Summit **January 26-29, 2011, Houston, TX**. This United Methodist event will address prevention of and response to sexual abuse, misconduct, and harassment, particularly by persons in ministerial roles. “Do No Harm” is for annual conference response teams, and others who coordinate ministries related to sexual ethics and boundaries in ministerial relationships. At least two persons from each annual conference are expected to attend. Detailed information and a link to registration is found at www.umsexualethics.org. *Early registration ends Aug. 15.*

North Carolina Annual Marriage Enrichment Conference, **February 4-5, 2011, Hilton Raleigh-Durham**. Contact Jim and Leslie Rhodes, President Couple (336-229-6335)

Laugh Your Way to a Better Marriage, **Cozumel Cruise, February 10-14, 2011**
www.thinkmarriage.org, 414-578-7535 (Register before October 30th, 2010)

Marriage Encounter United Methodist Weekend, **February 18-20, 2011, Rehobeth Beach, DE**
866-633-3862, www.encounter.org

Marriage Encounter United Methodist, **April 29 – May 1, 2011, Shirleysburg, PA**
Contact Rich & Tammy Fritz at 717-252-3937 or rjfritz1@comcast.net
www.encounter.org

Annual Texas Better Marriages (ACME) Conference, **June 7-10, 2011, Albuquerque, NM**
www.bettermarriages.org

Annual Better Marriages Weekend, **June 10-11, 2011, Fort Worth, Texas**
www.bettermarriages.org

Marriage Encounter United Methodist, **September 29-October 1, 2011, Ludlow, PA**
Contact Rich & Tammy Fritz at 717-252-3937 or rjfritz1@comcast.net
www.encounter.org

Ongoing:

Fireproof movie available on DVD

Visit www.Fireproofthemovie.com to order a copy and related resources; or rent or purchase wherever DVDs are rented or sold. The film will inspire and motivate viewers to improve their relationships and deepen their commitment to Christ. For a free discussion guide, go to www.marriagealive.com; click on the download link under the *Fireproof* ad. If you show this film in a public venue, at your church, for example, a specific site license is required. Public showings of this film are not covered by other licenses your church may already have purchased. You may purchase the license, which is good for one year, by visiting www.Outreach.com or calling 800-991-6011. The cost of the site license is based on your average church attendance (if average worship attendance is 95, the license costs \$99.) and underwrites Christian filmmaking. If you show the film in a home, you do not need the license, but consider the evangelism opportunity of showing it in a public venue and remember that there is no limit to the number of times you show it within the license year. Be sure to plan follow-up activities and programs to help participants develop their skills for communication, intimacy, and conflict management. Outreach also offers a Couples' Kit with six sessions that can be used by couples privately or within a group study setting. Other relationship courses would offer appropriate follow-up as well.

Other Faith-themed Movies in Public Theatres

Two other faith-themed movies in public theaters: *To Save a Life* (addresses issues for teens, parents, and youth workers) and *Letters to God* (addresses compassion and hope ministries for those facing life's most difficult challenges. Visit www.tosavealifeleaders.com and www.letterstoGodleaders.com for theatre schedules, follow-up resources, and study guides. You will also find a complete movie kit at www.relationshippress.com .