

Marriage and Family Ministries Upcoming Events and Training Opportunities

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Two marriage and family ministry-related organizations, **Better Marriages** and **Marriage Encounter/Engaged Encounter United Methodist**, have an affiliate relationship with the United Methodist General Board of Discipleship. Following their contact information and upcoming events listed below, you will find some events scheduled by other organizations that have been recommended by United Methodists around the connection and additional websites where you can find other related events. Please advise me of events and organizations you would like to see included here.

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BETTER MARRIAGES, formerly ACME (Association for Couples in Marriage Enrichment)
800-634-8325, www.bettermarriages.org, nrussell@bettermarriages.org

Better Marriages Weekend Retreats

February 10-12, 2012, Pine Mountain, GA

404-431-8980, getawayinfo@bettermarriagesga.org

April 20-22, 2012, Black Mountain, NC,

919-845-4825, cterr5@nc.rr.com, www.bettermarriagesnc.org

June 8-10, 2012, San Antonio, TX

Jhn_colson@yahoo.com

Better Marriages Conferences

Texas Better Marriages Annual Conference, **July 8-10, 2012, San Antonio, TX**

Contact Hope and John Colson, jhn_colson@yahoo.com

International Conference, July, 2013 – details to be announced

Better Marriages Leadership Training Workshops

800-634-8325, nrussell@bettermarriages.org, www.bettermarriages.org

February 3-4 and 24-26, 2012, Waco TX

March 9-11 and 23-25, 2012, Richmond, VA

April 27-29 and May 18-20, 2012, St. Louis, MO

May 1-5, 2012, Roanoke, VA

May 4-6 and June 8-10, 2012, Georgia

July 9-13, 2012, Jonesboro, TN

October 3-7, 2012, Berkeley Springs, WV

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER/ENGAGED ENCOUNTER UNITED METHODIST

(MEUM/EEUM), www.encounter.org

For Marriage Encounter and Engaged Encounter schedules, visit <http://encounter.org/index.html> and click on Weekend Dates. You can select by date or location. Leader couples have informed me of the following events in particular.

Marriage Encounter United Methodist Weekends

February 10-12, 2012, Rehoboth Beach, DE,

Contact mjrominger@gmail.com

York, PA, March 9-11, 2012

Rich and Tammy Fritz, 717-252-3837 or rjfritz1@comcast.net or www.encounter.org

OTHER SCHEDULED EVENTS AND TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

The following programs and events have been recommended by United Methodists around the connection. Some of them address particular concerns and issues. Visit the websites to learn more about them. You can also check at www.smartmarriages.com for a Directory of Programs with a schedule of upcoming programs and events offered through a variety of marriage, family, and relationship organizations or at any of the websites listed below for other dates and locations of events:

Love and Respect Live Conferences with Emerson and Sarah Eggerichs

www.loveandrespect.com for details and to register.

February 3-4, 2012, Castro, CA

February 10-11, 2012, Peoria, AZ

February 24-25, 2012, Williamsburg, VA

March 2-3, 2012, Philadelphia, PA

February 10-12, 2012, Glen Rose, TX, Valentine's Weekend Marriage Retreat

www.glenlake.org, 254-897-2247

First Things Richmond, February 10-12, 2012, a free special event for Celebrate Marriage Week, partnering with Family Life for a community-wide Art of Marriage event hosted at 16 different churches, including Trinity UMC and Ginter Park UMC. <http://firstthingsrichmond.org/programs-and-services>

Association of Marriage and Family Ministries (AMFM), www.DateNightEvent.com

February 10, 2012, Date Night Houston (with Tim Hawkins)

February 29, 2012, Date Night Austin (with Gary Chapman)

March 1, 2012, Date Night San Antonio (with Gary Chapman)

May 29, 2012, Date Night Dalton, GA (with Gary Chapman)

June 19-22, 2012, Dallas, TX, AMFM Conference www.amfmconference.com

June 18-21, 2013, Dallas, TX - Shift Conference

Marriage Savers PREPARE-ENRICH training webinar, at your church through GoToMeeting.com

March 3, 2012, Register by 2/17/2011. PowerPoint projected on your screen, plus phone connections for interactive conversation. Professionals can earn 7 CEUs. Call 301 469-5873 for details and to register for one of the limited number of group slots. Excellent opportunity to train mentor couples and a Trainer to teach others. Email Mike@MarriageSavers.org for a free sample inventory experience.

Beyond Affairs Network (Passionate Life Seminars), www.beyondaffairs.com

USA: 360-306-3367; CANADA: 604-859-9393

Healing from Affairs Intensives for Couples

February 17-19, 2012, Charlotte, NC

June 8-10, 2012, Dallas, TX

October 12-14, 2012, Middletown, NJ (near NYC)

Healing from Affairs Level II

April 13-15, 2012, Seattle, WA

November 9-11, 2012, Tampa, FL

Take Back Your Life Retreats for Betrayed Spouses

March 2-4, 2012, Seattle, WA

July 13-15, 2012, Minneapolis, MN

September 7-9, 2012, Dallas, TX

Nov. 30 –Dec. 2, 2012, Orlando, FL

Men of Honor Weekend

May 18-10, 2012, Location to be announced

Soul Healing Love , www.soulhealinglove.com, 704-364-9176

15-hour Couples Intensive Weekend, <http://soulhealinglove.com/couples.htm>

April 15-17, 2012, Charlotte, NC

Leadership Training, <http://soulhealinglove.com/leadership.htm>

April, 2012, Charlotte, NC

Requires prior participation in weekend, described above,

“Building a Successful Stepfamily” Conference, Winshape.Retreat Center, Rome, GA

877-977-3873, www.winshape.org/marriage

April 20-22, 2012, Rome, GA

August 19-21, 2012, Rome, GA

National Association for Relationship & Marriage Education, (NARME)

Champions for Children Conference, July 20-25, 2012, Baltimore, MD

www.narconerence.com, Maggie@NARME.ORG, 832-434-5533

CHECK THESE WEBSITES FOR OTHER SCHEDULES OF EVENTS

Building Relationships (for teens): www.BuildingRelationshipSkills.org

Cornerstone (preventing and healing pornography and sexual addictions) :

www.cornerstonetraining.org

Family Dynamics (marriage enrichment events and events for couples in crisis)

www.familydynamics.net

Family Life: www.weekendtoremember.com

Imago (Harville Hendrick and Helen Hunt), <http://gettingtheloveyouwant.com>

PREPARE/ENRICH Inventories training and certification: www.prepare-enrich.com

PREP, CPREP (Christian Prep), training and certification: www.prepinc.com

Retrouvaille (for troubled couples and those in crisis): www.retrouvaille.org

Susan Page (author and presenter): www.susanpage.com

Right Start (How to Avoid Falling for a Jerk, Boot Camp for Dads, Preparing for

Marriage, 10 Great Dates): www.rightfromthestart.org/calendar

Successful Stepfamilies: www.successfulstepfamilies.com

ONGOING: Faith-themed Movies in Public Theatres

Watch for these faith-themed movies in public theaters and on DVD. Visit the websites for theatre schedules, follow-up resources, study guides, and licensing information for showing the DVDs in public venues. Visit www.outreach.com for ministry ideas or to order the Church Campaign Kit.

Previously in theatres and already or soon on DVD:

Courageous (four law enforcement officers face challenges at work and at home)

www.courageousthemovie.com

Soul Surfer (inspiration to persevere in the face of adversity, family support for facing life's challenges) www.soulsurferthemovie.com

To Save a Life (addresses issues for teens, parents, and youth workers)

www.tosavealifeleaders.com

Letters to God (inspires ministries of compassion and hope for those facing life's most difficult challenges) www.letterstoGodleaders.com.

The Grace Card (dramatizes the power of forgiveness)

www.thegracecardmovie.com

Fireproof (healing hurt and conflict in marriage, pornography)

www.fireproofthemovie.com

Visit www.familymovienight.com to read reviews of family friendly movies.