

Marriage and Family Ministries Upcoming Events and Training Opportunities

January 2018

RELATIONSHIPS FIRST – SAFE CONVERSATIONS

This initiative was launched on February 11, 2017, by Harville Hendricks and Helen LaKelly Hunt, known for their teaching and promotion of IMAGO relationship education. Safe Conversations are a way of talking without criticizing, of listening without judging, and connecting beyond our differences.

The manual for the workshops may be downloaded at <https://relationshipsfirst.org/safe-conversations-360-participants-manual-post/>

Safe Conversations Workshop Leader Training – Dallas, Texas

February 23-24, 2018

April 13-14, 2018

June 22-23, 2018

September 28-29, 2018

November 30-December 1, 2018

<https://relationshipsfirst.org/leader-training-class-schedules/>

BETTER MARRIAGES AND MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER/ENGAGED ENCOUNTER UNITED

METHODIST: These two organizations have historically worked closely with United Methodist Discipleship Ministries. After their upcoming events and contact information below, you will find events scheduled by other organizations that have been recommended by United Methodists around the connection and a list of organizations and the websites where you can find information about their events. Please advise me of events and organizations you would like to see included here as well.

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BETTER MARRIAGES, formerly ACME (Association for Couples in Marriage Enrichment)

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

BETTER MARRIAGES WEEKEND RETREATS, WORKSHOPS, AND STATE CONFERENCES

Visit www.bettermarriages.org and click on [Events](#) to find those scheduled for your area. Also click on [Who We Are](#) and then [Local/State Chapters](#) to find contact information for those near you.

WEEKEND RETREAT FOR COUPLES

April 13, 2018 @ 5:00 pm - April 15, 2018 @ 3:00 pm – Berkeley Springs, West Virginia

July 13, 2018 @ 5:00 pm - July 15, 2018 @ 3:00 Pm - Berkeley Springs, West Virginia

October 19, 2018 @ 5:00 pm – October 21, 2018 @ 3:00 Pm - Berkeley Springs, West Virginia

Contact Barbara and Don Fairfield, 301-552-4330, bdfair@verizon.com

BETTER MARRIAGES CONFERENCES

Better Marriages of Georgia 2018 Celebration

February 23-24, 2018, Chattanooga, TN

<http://bettermarriagesga.org/getaway.php> or call 423-855-2200

North Carolina Better Marriages Conference

March 9-10, 2018, Raleigh, North Carolina

Contact Jean Brewer at 336.978.8611 or jeanbrewer68@gmail.com

Better Marriages Texas Getaway Weekend

April 13-14, 2018 Waco, Texas

<http://events.r20.constantcontact.com/register/event?oeidk=a07eetjkkxek4eabfdd7&llr=bcrkas eab>

BETTER MARRIAGES TRAINING EVENTS

800-634-8325, www.bettermarriages.org (click on Events and scroll down)

LEADERSHIP TRAINING WORKSHOP (LTW) - SPLIT WEEKENDS

January 19-21, 2018 AND February 22-24, 2018— Both weekends required—Fort Worth, Texas

March 2-4, 2018 AND APRIL 6-8, 2018 — Both weekends required — Raleigh, North Carolina

ADVANCED TRAINING WORKSHOP

April 13-15, 2018 Waco, Texas

BETTER MARRIAGES PREPARE ENRICH TRAINING, Raleigh, NC

One-day facilitator's workshop offers training in the use of the couple assessment tool, Prepare-Enrich. This is a customized online tool for either pre-marital or married couples to assess their strengths and areas for growth. Based on the results, facilitators provide four to eight feedback sessions to help the couple discuss and understand their results and learn proven relationship skills.

April 19, 2018

September 17, 2018

May 21, 2018

November 12, 2018

July 16, 2018

Contact Carl and Nancy Terry at nancyterry20@gmail.com for details and to register.

BETTER MARRIAGES VIRTUAL MEGS (MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT GROUPS)— online or by phone

1st Tuesday each month, 8:00 pm Eastern Time; 3rd Wednesday each month, 7:00 pm

Mountain Time

Visit www.bettermarriages.org and subscribe to the free newsletter, which will include instructions for participation in the Virtual MEGs or scroll down to click on Virtual MEGs to access recordings of previous sessions. Join Better Marriages at the website for many other great opportunities and benefits.

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER/ENGAGED ENCOUNTER UNITED METHODIST(MEUM/EEUM)

For Marriage Encounter and Engaged Encounter schedules, visit www.encounter.org and click on Weekend Dates. You can select by date or location. Leader couples have informed me of the following events in particular. Unless otherwise indicated, visit the website for details and to register.

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:

ACTIVE PARENTING Leadership Training Workshops

Online Leader Training Workshops

www.ActiveParenting.com/OLTW or call Micole Mason at 800-825-0060 ext.120

For parent training events, visit the website, select the [For Parents](#) tab, then select your state; or click on [Training](#) and download the training catalog.

HEDY AND YUMI SCHLEIFER

www.hedyyumi.com

CALL 305-604-0010 OR EMAIL GEOFFREY@HEDYYUMI.COM FOR DETAILS AND TO REGISTER

ADVENTURE IN INTIMACY WORKSHOPS FOR COUPLES

January 19-21, 2018 – Miami, Florida, USA

March 9-11, 2018 – Monterey, California, USA

April 20-22, 2018 – Belgium

May 11-113, 2018 – Denmark

May 24-26, 2018 – Israel

May 28-30, 2018 – Israel

June 22-24, 2018 – United Kingdom

ENCOUNTER CENTERED COUPLES THERAPY TRAINING FOR THERAPISTS

<https://www.hedyyumi.com/therapists/encounter-centered-couples-therapy-training/>

April 29-May 1, 2018 – Germany

June 3-7, 2018 - Israel

COMPASSION POWER, Dr. Steven Stosney, www.compassionpower.com

Love Without Hurt Boot Camp:

Turn Resentment, Anger, Or Emotional Abuse into Compassion

February 10-11, 2018, Gaithersburg, MD

For more information and to register:

<http://www.compassionpower.com/anger-or-emotional-abuse-boot-camp/>

FAMILY DYNAMICS INSTITUTE: A New Beginning (three-day intensive for troubled marriages)

800.650.9995, www.savemymarriage.com

February 16-18, 2018

Indianapolis, IN

March 16-18, 2018

Philadelphia, PA

April 6-8, 2018

Nashville, TN

June 22-24, 2018

Fairfax, VA

GETTING THE LOVE YOU WANT

March 17-18, 2018 (Olympia Doubletree), Washington (State)

www.betsyandbruce.com

HOLD ME TIGHT Workshop for Couples

March 24-25, 2018, Tiburon, CA (near San Francisco)

June 22-24, 2018, Esalen, Big Sur, CA

July 8-13, 2018, Esalen, Big Sur, CA

July 28-29, San Francisco

For details and registration, visit www.holdmetightworkshop.com

LAUGH YOUR WAY TO A BETTER MARRIAGE

Mark Gungor's take on marriage issues is refreshingly free of both churchy and psychological lingo. "Our secular culture over-romanticizes marriage and our Christian culture over-spiritualizes it. The reality is that relationships between men and women are very down to earth," Mark comments. "Laugh Your Way to a Better Marriage® is about helping couples get it right, get along, have fun, and achieve a successful marriage."

February 2, 2018, Greenwood, IN

February 16, 2018, Onalaska, WI

February 23, 2018, Colorado Springs, CO

March 2, 2018, Williston, ND

March 23, 2018, Franklin, NJ

April 13, 2018, Campbell, CA

April 20, 2018, Minot, ND

May 4, 2018, New City, New York

May 18, 2018, Marquette, MI

May 18, 2018, Newberg OR (Phil Gungor)

September 7, 2018, Matthews, NC

September 21, 2018, Elk Grove, CA

October 14, 2018, The Woodlands, TX

February 15, 2019, Imlay City, MI

For more information and to register, visit <https://markgungor.com> and click on Live Events.

NARME SUMMIT – Orlando, Florida

July 15-17, 2018 – Pre-Summit Training July 18-20, 2018 –Summit

“Equipping those leading the way for healthy relationship development, family formation, and poverty prevention with the knowledge and strategies to be most effective in the workplace and community.” For more information or to apply as a presenter, visit:

<http://www.narme.org/conferences/8th-annual-narme-summit/>

SOUL HEALING LOVE COUPLES WORKSHOPS

Drs. Bev & Tom Rodgers, www.soulhealinglove.com, 704-281-1754

March 23-24, 2018: Individual Healing the Soul Workshop

To be scheduled spring 2018:

Soul Healers Couples Weekend

Soul Healing Love Level I Leaders Training

YOUTH WITH A MISSION (YWAM) Family Ministries International

See event listings at <http://www.ywam-fmi.org/view-events/events>

INTERNATIONAL FAMILY MINISTRIES STRATEGY CONFERENCE

June 26-30, 2019, Bangkok, Thailand

<https://www.ywam-fmi.org/events/family-ministries-strategy-conference>

CHECK THESE WEBSITES FOR SCHEDULES OF EVENTS and LOCATIONS NEAR YOU

Active Parenting (general, specific age groups, and special needs programs)

<http://www.activeparenting.com/training> Check list of scheduled events and online training courses, or bring in a trainer for your own event

Beyond Affairs: www.beyondaffairs.com Seminars, coaching, articles and other resources for preventing and healing from affairs.

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

Cornerstone (preventing and healing pornography and sexual addictions):

www.cornerstonetraining.org

Couple Communication and Core Communication: www.CoupleCommunication.com

Compassion Power (Dr. Stephen Stosny): www.compassionpower.com

Dibble Institute (teen relationship education) www.dibbleinstitute.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>,

www.imagorelationships.org

Love and Logic (for parents and educators): www.loveandlogic.com

Love and Respect Ministries, Inc., www.loveandrespect.com (live and video conferences)

NARME (National Association for Relationship and Marriage Education)

www.narme.org

National Center for Biblical Parenting (Dr. Scott Turanksy and Joanne Miller, RN, BSN):
www.biblicalparenting.org
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): retrouvaille.org
Smart Stepfamilies – www.smartstepfamilies.com
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

Please share with me other events or programs you recommend.

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