

Marriage and Family Ministries Upcoming Events and Training Opportunities

March 29, 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. A 7-hour online workshop is available free “on demand” temporarily at the following link:

<https://livestream.com/relationshipsfirst/safeconversations/videos/149260670>

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

Safe Conversations Workshop Leader Training – Dallas, Texas

April 13-14, 2018

June 22-23, 2018

September 28-29, 2018

November 30-December 1, 2018

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

Safe Conversations Workshop Leader Training – Other Locations

May 4-5, 2018 – New York City

<https://safeconversations.z2systems.com/np/clients/safeconversations/eventRegistration.jsp?event=1337&>

June 9-10, 2018 – Los Angeles, CA

<https://safeconversations.z2systems.com/np/clients/safeconversations/eventRegistration.jsp?event=1276&>

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 Texas Getaway Weekend

April 13-14, 2018 Waco, Texas

<http://events.r20.constantcontact.com/register/event?oeidk=a07eetjkxek4eabfdd7&llr=bcrkaseab>

BETTER MARRIAGES TRAINING EVENTS

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

LEADERSHIP TRAINING WORKSHOP (LTW) - SPLIT WEEKENDS

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

August 6-10, 2018 Tygard, Oregon

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.

May 21, 2018

September 17, 2018

July 16, 2018

November 12, 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 there 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

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

August 10-12, 2018 – South Africa

August 24-26, 2018 – South Africa

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

August 3-5, 2018 – South Africa

August 15-19, 2018 – South Africa

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

Love Without Hurt Boot Camp: Turn Resentment, Anger, Or Emotional Abuse into Compassion

April 21-22, 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

April 6-8, 2018	Nashville, TN
April 13-15, 2018	Dallas, TX
May 4-6, 2018	St. Louis, MO
June 22-24, 2018	Fairfax, VA
June 22-14, 2018	Nashville, TN
July 27-29, 2018	Nashville, TN
August 10-12, 2018	Philadelphia, PA
August 17-19, 2018	Indianapolis, IN
September 14-16, 2018	Nashville, TN
October 12-14, 2018	St. Louis, MO
October 19-21, 2018	Fairfax, Virginia
November 2-4, 2018	Los Angeles, CA
November 9-11, 2018	Nashville, TN

HOLD ME TIGHT Workshop for Couples

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."

April 13, 2018, Campbell, CA

April 20, 2018, Minot, ND

May 4, 2018, New City, New York

May 11, 2018, Sheboygan, WI

May 18, 2018, Marquette, MI

May 18, 2018, Newberg OR (Phil Gungor)

September 7, 2018, Matthews, NC

September 14, 2018, Taylor, MI

September 21, 2018, Elk Grove, CA

September 28, 2018, Murray, KY

October 14, 2018, The Woodlands, TX

October 19, 2018, Moscow, ID

October 21, 2018, Colleyville, TX

November 2, 2018, Spruce Grove, AB, Canada

November 9, 2018, Camarillo, CA

November 9, 2018, Warner Robins, GA

January 21, 2019, Imlay City, MI

January 21, 2019, Honolulu, HI

February 8, 2019, Westminster, CO

February 13, 2019, Auburn, CA

February 15, 2019, Imlay City, MI

February 17, 2019, East Hartford, CT

February 22, 2019, Newton, NC

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 – Charlotte, NC

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

April 27-29, 2018: Soul Healers Couples Weekend (7:30 pm Friday – 12:30 pm Sunday)

October 26-28, 2018: Soul Healers Couples Weekend (7:30 pm Friday – 12:30 pm Sunday)

THE SIGNIFICANT MARRIAGE: This is a new listing in our Upcoming Events. While I have not yet spoken with anyone who has attended one of their events, the leaders were trained and certified through Family Dynamics and their focus is on helping couples discover how they can serve God through their marriage. Visit <http://www.thesignificantmarriage.com/> to learn more about their program and to register for events.

April 27-29, 2018 Sacramento, CA Contact susielindnermift@gmail.com

April 27-29, 2018 Los Angeles, CA Contact marygothi@gmail.com

May 4-6, 2018 Indianapolis, IN Contact erinlemme@gmail.com

June 15-17, 2018 West Haven, CT Contact dcfernald@gmail.com

September 7-9, 2018 Restenas, Sweden Contact yasmine.fischer@ywamrestenas.se

September 14-16, 2018 Belgium Details not yet available

September 21-23, 2018 Liepaja, Latvia Details not yet available

September 28-30, 2018 Details not yet available

October 12-14, 2018 Cape Carteret, NC Contact tmrollo1@gmail.com;

Register: <https://form.jotform.com/SunshineMinistries/NC-Oct12>

YOUTH WITH A MISSION (YWAM) Family Ministries International

For more details on the following events, visit <http://www.ywam-fmi.org/view-events/event>

Dates	Event	Description
1st Apr 2018 - 14th Sep 2018	Families Alive School, Australia (2018) <i>YWAM Perth, Perth</i>	Be equipped with biblical principles for families combined with practical skills to engage and d... community Date Start date: 1 April, 2018 End date: 14 September, 2018. Costs Lecture: 3,960...
4th Apr 2018 - 17th Aug 2018	Family DTS, Hawaii (2018) <i>YWAM Kona, Hawaii, Kailua-Kona Hawaii</i>	DTS is a full-time, residential course, consisting of 11-12 weeks of classroom training, an 8-12... 1-2 weeks of debrief. It's an exciting season of discovery, as students receive fresh revelation o...
5th Apr 2018 - 21st Sep 2018	Foundations in Family Studies, Hawaii (2018) <i>YWAM Kona, Hawaii, Kailua-Kona Hawaii</i>	The Family Resource Centre in partnership with the College of Education is offering a new Ass... Family Studies and a Bachelor of Arts in Family Studies. These two new degrees will...
9th Apr 2018 - 18th Aug 2018	Generations DTS, The Netherlands (2018) <i>YWAM Heidebeek, Heerde</i>	A DTS is a journey. It is being awakened to the reality of an authentic relationship with Jesus C... His voice to follow Him in this world. DTS is an adventure...
7th Jun 2018 - 11th Jun 2018	Asian Family Ministries Forum, Thailand (2018) <i>Bussarakam Hotel, Maung Khon Kaen</i>	We are not just a team to each other, TOGETHER WE ARE A FAMILY YWAM Family Mini... invites you and your family to The Family Ministries Asia Forum Khon Kaen Thailand 7-11 Ju...
11th Jun 2018 - 23rd Nov 2018	Korean Family Ministries School, Thailand (2018) <i>YWAM Chiang Mai, Thailand, Chiang Mai</i>	Korean Family Ministries School. Lecture phase: June 11th - August 31st 2018 Outreach phase... November 23rd 2018 More info School leaders: Park Yoon-ho, Choi Jeong-hee School manage... Abujimaum@Hanmail.Net Website: fatherhouse.onmam.com/bbs/bbsView/19/5291163
29th Jun 2018 - 8th Dec 2018	Foundations in Family Studies, South Africa (2018) <i>YWAM Worcester, Worcester</i>	The Foundations for Family Studies School is introductory course that provides a gateway for a... an Associates of Arts degree in Family Studies with the UofN. The course introduces students...
9th Jul 2018 - 28th Sep 2018	Family Ministries School, Tanzania (2018) <i>YWAM Arusha, Arusha</i>	The Family Ministry School (FMS) has a focus on training people in building families on Godl... family restoration. The FMS is a five months course, involving twelve weeks of lecture and stu...
30th Jul 2018 - 19th Oct 2018	Family DTS, New Zealand (2018) <i>YWAM Matamata, Crystal Springs</i>	Topics include Father's heart, Identity in Christ, Spiritual Warfare, Studying the Bible, Holy Sp... Family, Biblical Worldview, Plumb line, Intercession and Worship and many more. The FM ba... of...
2nd Aug 2018 - 4th Aug 2018	East African Family Ministries Forum, Uganda (2018) <i>YWAM Hope Land, Jinja</i>	The 4th annual Family Ministries Forum for East Africa. Hereby you are invited to our 4th Fam... organized at Youth With a Mission Hope Land, Wairaka outside Jinja, Uganda. As you know...

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8th Aug 2018 - 10th Aug 2018	Family Ministries Forum, Tanzania (2018) <i>YWAM Arusha, Arusha</i>	The first Family Ministries Forum for Tanzania. Hereby you are invited to the 1st Famil... organized at Youth With a Mission Arusha, Tanzania. We will start Wednesday mornin... and...
16th Aug 2018 - 16th Nov 2018	Family Ministries School, Fortaleza Brazil (2018) <i>YWAM Fortaleza, Brazil, Fortaleza</i>	This course introduces students to the biblical foundations of marriage and family life. ... lecture phase targets five major themes related to effective ministry to families: the bib... family, God's design...

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24th Aug 2018 - 27th Aug 2018	Family Encounter, England (2018) YWAM Harpenden, Harpenden	Encouraging & Equipping Families to Grow Together. In 2018 we invite you and your family to YWAM Harpenden for this fun all age summer event. Spend time intentionally focusing on family strengthening...
3rd Sep 2018 - 8th Feb 2019	Couples DTS, Finland (2018) YWAM Ruurikkala, Evijärvi	2018 School Dare to believe that God has more for your life and marriage? As well as create an atmosphere for a deeply personal, life-changing experience with God, the discipleship training school (DTS) is designed for those working in family ministry or counselling by broadening and deepening their theoretical and practical skills. Kona CFCS is...
15th Sep 2018 - 15th Dec 2018	Couple & Family Counseling School, Hawaii (2018) YWAM Kona, Hawaii, Kailua-Kona Hawaii	(dates mentioned above are provisional) The Couple & Family Counselling School is designed for those working in family ministry or counselling by broadening and deepening their theoretical and practical skills. Kona CFCS is...
27th Sep 2018 - 13th Feb 2019	Family DTS, Hawaii (Sept 2018) YWAM Kona, Hawaii, Kailua-Kona Hawaii	DTS is a full-time, residential course, consisting of 11-12 weeks of classroom training, fieldwork, and 1-2 weeks of debrief. It's an exciting season of discovery, as students receive a revelation of...
2nd Oct 2018 - 1st Mar 2019	Family Ministries School, South Korea (2018) YWAM Jeju, South Korea, Jocheon-eup	Family Ministry School - Jeju, South Korea Lecture phase 2 Oct - 14 Dec 2018 Outreach 1 March Contact Young Wook Jin Email baaram9877@gmail.com http://www.uofnjej.com
5th Oct 2018 - 7th Oct 2018	Family Ministries Forum, Fortaleza Brazil (2018) YWAM Fortaleza, Brazil, Fortaleza	Contact email for informations for the Forum - escoladafamiliafortaleza@gmail.com or contato@ywamfortaleza.org
14th Oct 2018 - 3rd Nov 2018	Missionary Care Foundations Course, Sweden (2018) YWAM Restenäs, Ljungskile	EQUIPPING MISSIONARIES FOR RESILIENT AND EFFECTIVE SERVICE This highly practical course is designed for leaders, member care workers and people interested in mission. It will empower you to help others throughout...

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28th Jan 2019 - 14th Jun 2019	Family Ministries School, New Zealand (2019) YWAM Matamata, Crystal Springs	"Your people will rebuild the ancient ruins, and will raise up the age-old foundations; you will be called Repairer of Broken Walls, Restorer of Streets with Dwellings." Isaiah 58:12 The Family Ministries School (FMS) is...
Dates	Event	Description
10th Mar 2019 - 26th Jul 2019	Family & All Generations DTS, Norway (2019) Ungdom i Oppdrag, Grimerud, Ottestad	Here is a chance to grow as a family and get to know God better, get inspired and challenged by teaching from international speakers, experience your children grow through fellowship and discipleship at...
24th Mar 2019 - 29th Aug 2019	Family DTS, Germany (2019) JMFM Hainichen, Hainichen	Dates are provisional! The Discipleship Training School (DTS) seeks to bring you into a deeper relationship with God. It also gives you an opportunity to discover your passions and your gifts.
1st Apr 2019 - 13th Sep 2019	Couples and Family Counseling School, South Africa (2019) YWAM Worcester, Worcester	The Couples & Family Counseling School is designed with a biblical perspective to help students in systemic theory, practice, and ministry for healthy lifestyle changes. The course is at least seven...
7th Apr 2019 - 21st Sep 2019	Couples DTS, Switzerland (2019) JMFM Wiler, Switzerland, Wiler bei Seedorf	Take up your sofa and walk! You've got more in you than chips and Coke and God's got more in you than prime time MTV. If you want to fly with Him,...
26th Jun 2019 - 30th Jun 2019	Family Ministries Strategy Conference (2019) Bangkok Christian Guesthouse, Thailand, Bangkok	SAVE THE DATE!! More info to follow https://www.ywam-fmi.org/events/family-ministries-strategy-conference/
29th Jul 2019 - 13th Dec 2019	Family/Solos/Singles DTS, New Zealand (2019) YWAM Matamata, Crystal Springs	The Discipleship Training School (DTS) is the entry level school into YWAM. It is an intensive 6 to 6 months that has been offered by YWAM for over 40 years now, in...
21st Sep 2019 - 14th Dec 2019	Family Ministries School, Germany (2019) JMFM Hainichen, Hainichen	Dates are provisional! Please contact YWAM Hainichen for more details. The Lecture phase is from September 21 - December 14, 2019 followed by 8 weeks outreach January/ February 2020. YWAM Hainichen, Germany www.ywam-hainichen.de
1st Oct 2019 - 28th Feb 2020	Family Ministries School, South Korea (2019) YWAM Jeju, South Korea, Jocheon-eup	Family Ministry School - Jeju, South Korea Lecture phase 1 Oct - 13 Dec 2019 Outreach 28 Feb Contact Young Wook Jin Email baaram9877@gmail.com

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): www.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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