

Marriage and Family Ministries Upcoming Events and Training Opportunities

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United Methodist Discipleship Ministries and General Commission on the Role and Status of Women Healthy Families Webinar Series (Replays available after events)

August 2, 2016: What does it mean to be a family? (replay available)

September 27, 2016: Five Dimensions of Health (replay available)

October 25, 2016: Nurturing Active Families (replay available)

November 15, 2016: Emotional Health (replay available)

December 6, 2016: Experiencing God Together (replay available)

January 17, 2017: Tackling challenges of clergy families (replay will be available)

February 7, 2017: Financial Health (replay will be available)

To participate in these events live, go to www.umcdiscipleship.org, click on Webinars on the upper right-hand menu, then scroll down to find the webinar you want. Click on it and register for the event. You will receive an email confirmation and directions for participating in the webinar live.

To view the archived recording after an event, type the title of the event you want into the search bar. When you click on the event, you will be asked to register before viewing.

You might also be interested in other upcoming webinars, such as

November 3, 2016: Hurry Less, Worry Less, for Families (replay available)

and others that are archived at that same site, such as Family Faith Formation Series: Resolutions, Goals, and Ministry Plans; and Family: Creating Ritual in the Home

Two marriage education and enrichment organizations, **Better Marriages** and **Marriage Encounter/Engaged Encounter United Methodist**, have historically had a working relationship 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.

Workshops for Couples – Adventure in Intimacy with Hedy and Yumi Schleifer

January 20-22, 2017, Miami, Florida –

April 21-23, 2017, Monterey, California –

305-604-0010, www.bettermarriages.org (click on Events and scroll) or <http://www.hedyyumi.com/events/>

Weekend Retreats for Couples, Berkeley Springs, West Virginia

January 27-29, 2017

April 7-9, 2017

July 14-16, 2017

October 13-15, 2017

Contact Barbara & Don Fairfield, 301-552-4330, bdfair@verizon.net

Better Marriages Georgia Getaway, February 3-5, 2017

Jekyll Island Club, Jekyll Island, GA, www.bettermarriagesga.org

BETTER MARRIAGES TRAINING EVENTS

April 21-23 AND May 5-7, 2017 (Both weekends required) – Raleigh, NC

September 19-23, 2017 – Atlanta, Georgia

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

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 e-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.

March 17-19, 2017 [Glen Eyrie Conference Center](#), Colorado Springs, CO

July 14-16, 2017 [RV Camping Marriage Encounter](#), Circle J Camp, Ten Sleep, WY

October 20-22, 2017 [Glen Eyrie Conference Center](#), Colorado Springs, CO

February 17-19, 2017, Charlotte, NC

February 24-26, 2017 (Presbyterian), Havre de Grace, MD

March 2-4, 2017 (Clergy-Only Weekend) Havre de Grace, MD

March 17-19, 2017 Glen Eyrie, Colorado Springs CO

July 14-16, 2017 Circle J Retreat and Camp RV Weekend

Oct. 20-22, 2017 Glen Eyrie, Colorado Springs CO

Connecting Hearts REAPP Workshop

April 7-9, 2017, Wulphof 38, Zwolle (Netherlands)

<http://youplus.wixsite.com/youplus/aanmelden>

[This workshop is part of REAPP (Relationship Enrichment by Apply Preventive Principles – <http://reap.org>), founded by Keith and Marilyn Hamilton of Better Marriages]

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

July 12, 2017 Active Parenting/Teen Combo, Atlanta, GA

July 13-15, 2017, Active Parenting Training of Trainers, Atlanta, GA

Visit www.ActiveParenting.com/LTW for information and to register for these events and to learn about webinars available for the various Active Parenting Programs (Cooperative Parenting and Divorce, Christian Active Parenting, Active Parenting for Stepfamilies, Active Parenting: First Five Years, etc.)

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

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

**Love Without Hurt Boot Camp: Turn Resentment, Anger, Or Emotional Abuse into Compassion
February 11-12, 2017, 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

January 20-22, 2017 -- Nashville, TN

January 27-29, 2017 -- Houston, TX

February 24-26, 2017 – St. Louis, MO

March 17-19, 2017 -- Fairfax, VA

March 24-26, 2017 –Nashville, TN

March 31 - April 2, 2017 -- Nashville, TN

April 21-23, 2017 – Huntington Beach, CA

FATHERS AND FAMILIES COALITION OF AMERICA

“Never Giving Up” Conference to Strengthen Families and Improve Outcomes for Children

February 27-March 3, 2017, Los Angeles, CA

This organization works to “... strengthen the capacity of organizations and professionals to increase involvement of Fathers in the lives of their children.” www.fathersandfamiliescoalition.org

More information and registration at the website or call 424-225-1323

Workshops and training opportunities include Love Notes, The Dibble Institute’s program for empowering young people to make healthy relationship and life choices. Cathy@DibbleInstitue.org, 800-695-7975

HOLD ME TIGHT Workshop for Couples

January 7-8, 2016, San Francisco, CA

February 18-19, 2017, Tiburon, CA

June 23-25, 2017, Big Sur, CA

July 30-August 4, 2017, Big Sur, CA

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 3, 2017, Fargo, ND

March 31, 2017, Grand Prairie, AB, Canada

February 10, 2017, Grand Forks, ND

May 5, 2017, Novi, MI

February 17, 2017, Powhatan, VA

May 19, 2017, Imlay City, MI

March 3, 2017, St. Cloud, FL

See full schedule and register at www.markgungor.com, click on [Live Events](#)

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR RELATIONSHIP AND MARRIAGE EDUCATION (NARME) Summit

July 28-30, 2017, Denver Colorado. Pre-Summit trainings start on July 25th, 2017

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.

<http://www.narme.org/conferences/7th-annual-narme-summit/>

SOUL HEALING LOVE COUPLES WORKSHOPS

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

April 28-30, 2017, Charlotte, NC

October 20-22, 2017, Charlotte, NC

SOUL HEALING LOVE LEADERS TRAINING

May 1, 2017, Charlotte, NC

<http://rodgerscc.com/product/leadership-training/> or call 704-364-9176

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 Turankyy 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 you recommend.

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