



## LUTHERAN MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER EVENTS FOR ENCOUNTERED COUPLES

### Journey Groups

The most regular, ongoing way of helping keep your relationship fresh is by getting together with other encountered couples for sharing and fellowship. Journey Group meeting times and places are listed online under the “Missouri” link at [GodLovesMarriage.org/continuing-the-journey](http://GodLovesMarriage.org/continuing-the-journey). These monthly get togethers are like spark plugs in your relationship to encourage you to continue your dialoguing lifestyle.

### Journey Group Reunions

Journey Group Reunions occur one week after each experience. These events afford you the chance to renew the benefits of the experience for your relationship. These reunions are for all encountered couples, but your first Reunion is a very special opportunity to share with couples and presenting teams from your own experience. A Reunion usually includes a brief presentation, dialogue and/or sharing time, refreshments (if in-person), and closing. It's a good idea to have your dialogue books and nametags handy, so you can help others get to know your names better. And if you like, you can also bring a snack to share at an in-person Reunion.

### Information Nights & Romantic Dinners

Information Nights & Romantic Dinners provide an opportunity to share information about your experience with your special friends or relatives, especially with those couples whose names you wrote down in your workbooks during your experience. Information Nights last only about an hour and provide information and encouragement concerning the experience. Local couples make brief presentations. The focus of the evening is aimed at unencountered couples who you know, so we don't hug or spend a great deal of time talking to other Journey Group couples. We want to focus on those couples whom we hope will want to attend the experience. We encourage you, if at all possible, to take – rather than send – your friends to an Information Night or Romantic Dinner.

### District, North American, and International Reunions

Encountered couples all over the world have ongoing opportunities to stay connected with one another by attending District Reunions, North American Reunions, and International Reunions. These exciting events allow you to meet and get to know other encountered couples outside your local area. These very special weekend gatherings are scheduled in successive years, usually during the month of July, and are publicized well in advance so you can make plans to attend. Registration is usually accomplished online. Reunions are tremendous builders for your couple dialogue and relationship in addition to making new friends with couples across the country and from around the world.

**Please join us for any or all of these fun-filled events! Here's a dialogue question about it:**

**How do I feel about keeping our experience alive in our relationship? DIFALD**

