

3RE Video Experience
LME Questions with MEUM Answers Spring, 2018

1. Is the toolkit set up where we can use it in one pilot Area, then pass it along to the next leadership team?

As Gary and Lisa indicated in their initial response, MEUM is charged by World Wide to have complete control over the DVDs. Our standing policy is that the Tool Kit (DVD + supporting materials) **cannot** be transferred from one couple to another. That said, during your pilot stage with leadership teams, we would be able to do the following:

We would send the Tool Kit to the first Leadership Team Facilitating Couple upon receipt of their Facilitator's Agreement (obtainable through Ross and Janna Kershaw by emailing to facilitator@encounter.org). Then, when the DVD is passed on to the next Leadership Team Facilitating Couple (who have likewise submitted a Facilitator's Agreement to the Kershaws), we would need an email stating that the Tool Kit has been passed on, to whom, including contact information. This would go on for the duration of your pilot/preview process only. At the end of that process either the Tool Kit would be returned to the original couple for their use in Facilitating 3RE Experiences, or it would need to be returned to Tim and Jo Victor (the issuing couple).

As you have stated, only previously encountered couples would be included in these pilots/previews.

2. We trust that, by its very format, we could easily do these pilots/previews locally in one weekend (like a typical Encounter). Is that correct? **Yes.** We anticipate they would likely be set up like a typical non-residential Encounter where folks would return home each weekend evening.

We can share the time table we used to present the DVD 3RE to our National Board in August of 2017. We did the pilot in the equivalent of a Friday-Saturday timeframe. We did this by cutting all dialogue times to 10 and 10, eliminated the open sharing sections, and eliminating the Q&A that occurs at the beginning of each session. If you do the traditional weekend timeframe (Friday evening through Sunday afternoon) you could use all of the regular dialogue times.

3. We do not plan to charge a registration fee nor solicit donations for these leadership pilot/preview events; therefore, would not be collecting donations. We see that 10% of donations received in the vision talk are to be donated to UM, so want you to be aware that no money for these events would be forthcoming other than the one \$100 rental fee.

That works for us. That said, you may be missing an opportunity to boost support for your mission in Marriage Encounter. When we did the pilot for our National Board, we did give Board Members the opportunity to give a vision offering. We raised \$3,220 in that single vision offering!

4. We read that an evaluation is included in the toolkit that is to be returned when the toolkit is returned. We plan on having our preview teams fill out an evaluation for our use as well, and wonder if we could preview a copy of the included evaluation? If it addresses all that we'll be

looking at from the perspective of another FE, then we'd prefer not to re-invent the form. At the very least, we could use it as the basis for our evaluation.

We have a Facilitator's Evaluation that we developed to gain input for future edits. It includes evaluation sections for: Pre-Experience Resources; Instructions for the overall structure of the 3RE; Instructions for the weekly format of the 3RE; each of the 7 video sessions; and each of the 8 Facilitator Guide sessions. We will be glad to share it with you for your use/editing.

In our early executive team discussions, we're anticipating LME rentals going through one LME contact (likely our North American Presenting Couple Coordinators) instead of having our local presenters going directly to your contacts. Hopefully, that will simplify the administration for both Faith Expressions.

Every UM Facilitating Couple is required to have their own Tool Kit which is non-transferrable. Due to our agreement with World Wide, which gave us permission to produce and distribute the DVDs in the first place, we are requiring that each Facilitating Couple doing Marriage Encounter Experiences with the DVD **in all Faith Expressions** have their own Tool Kit, which is likewise non-transferrable. A good reference is the Interfaith Board Memorandum that Gary and Lisa Morris sent out on November 30, 2017.

MEUM Answers in red were provided by Ross & Janna Kershaw