

LUTHERAN MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER
NORTH AMERICAN REGION BOARD MEETING
DISTRICT 4
April 2016

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District Presenting couple strength:

Clergy_____3 Clergy writing ____0

Set 1 _____2 Set 1 – writing __1

Set 2 _____0 Set 2 - writing __2

Set 3 _____5 Set 3 writing ____0

Weekends held since last NAR, April 2015, District wide:

Date	Location	# Couples
Nov 6-8, 2015	Renton, WA	6
Oct 2-4, 2015	Rancho Cordova, CA	14
Oct 16-18, 2015	Glen Eyrie, CO	15

Upcoming weekends: District wide:

Date	Location	
Mar 18-20, 2016	Glen Eyrie, CO	
April 29-May 1, 2016	Beaverton, OR	
July 29-31, 2016	Ten Sleep, WY	RV Campground!!
Oct 21-23 2016	Rancho Cordova, CA	
Oct 21-23, 2016	Glen Eyrie, CO	
November 2016 – date TBD	Renton, WA	
Mar 17-19, 2017	Glen Eyrie, CO	
Oct 20-22, 2017	Glen Eyrie, CO	

Arizona/New Mexico

LCC Mick ♥ Sandy Preston
CCC Bill ♥ Ann Bruggeman

Joys... One Clergy completely rewritten and one admin almost complete with the new presentations. Trying to host a weekend in AZ in the fall sometime.

Concerns...No weekends in either Arizona or New Mexico. Have not seen any interest in AZ in the past several years.

How can we get a weekend in this area when we have so few presenting couples in our area? We would love to get one scheduled for either Ruidoso NM or El Paso Texas or Albuquerque but the support system for a weekend would be very limited if not non existent. There is one encountered couple here in Roswell who might be interested in going on a deeper if it is not too late to register them.

Lovingly submitted,
Mick ♥ Sandy and Bill ♥ Ann

Mid Rockies/Big Sky

LCC John ♥ Jennifer Pettinger: Sadly, Bud ♥ Cindy Amack have resigned from ME
CCC John ♥ Nancy Orwig

Presenting couple strength:

Clergy_____ 1	Clergy writing _____ 0
Set 1 _____ 0	Set 1 – writing _____ 0
Set 2 _____ 0	Set 2 - writing _____ 0
Set 3 _____ 1	Set 3 writing _____ 0

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♥ Prayers Concerns

We ask for prayers for Bud ♥ Cindy Amack, who have submitted their resignation to Marriage Encounter. They have been such an important and integral part of our lives and our community. Please pray that God watches over both of them.

♥ Other Concerns/Questions

Building Community.

♥ Accomplishments

We are preparing for our 4th Joint CPO weekend with our local Methodist community. Up until a couple of weeks ago we were on a wait-list for this weekend. We currently have one cancellation we haven't been able to fill. We have 17 couples registered. This partnership has been such a positive relationship, benefitting both of us and blessing us all.

♥ Goals

Our goals for this year are to hold a two successful weekends (God's meaning of success not ours) and to hold monthly love circles to build and strengthen our community.

♥ What are you looking for from NAR?

Ideas and direction on how we can grow the ministry.

♥ What are you looking for from District?

Same as above.

♥ How can we best serve you?

Pray for community – we are at a cross roads and need God's guidance.

Submitted by John ♥ Jennifer Pettinger

N Cal/N Nev

LCC Ron ♥ Nancy Hawke

CCC Ted ♥ Marty Hartman

Presenting couple strength:

Clergy _____ 1 Clergy writing ____ 0

Set 1 _____ 1 Set 1 – writing ____ 0

Set 2 _____ 0 Set 2 - writing ____ 1

Set 3 _____ 1 Set 3 writing ____ 0

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Upcoming weekends:

Date	Location
Oct 21-23 2016	Rancho Cordova, CA

Joys... With the Presenting help of John ♥ Jen Pettinger, we enjoyed the blessing of a successful weekend with 14 couples this past October! We are following up with post-weekend gathering on a Sunday afternoon on March 20th. Of the 14 couples 7 are coming, and 5 would if they could, but can't. Of the 12 couples we have been able to reach, all of them are still very enthused about their Weekend experience and 2 of them have completed the 90 day challenge! We have invited non-encountered couples to the gathering as well and hope that will lead to registrations for our Oct Weekend this Fall.

Concerns... Lack of growth in Community partly due to couples residing in geographically dispersed areas continues to be a concern. However, we are hopeful our upcoming gathering will improve the situation.

Lovingly submitted, [Ron ♥ Nancy Hawke & Ted ♥ Marty Hartman](#)

Oregon/Washington Contact

Carl ♥ Dallas Presley imenorthwest@gmail.com 206-522-6849
CCC Vacant

Presenting couple strength:

Clergy _____ 0	Clergy writing _____ 0
Set 1 _____ 1	Set 1 – writing _____ 1
Set 2 _____ 0	Set 2 - writing _____ 0
Set 3 _____ 2	Set 3 writing _____ 0

Weekends held since last NAR, April 2015

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Nov 6-8, 2015	Renton, WA	6

Upcoming weekends:

Date	Location
April 29-May 1, 2016	Beaverton, OR
November – date TBD	Renton, WA

Joys... We are especially grateful to a long-time community couple and former presenters for Lutheran Engaged Encounter who have requested the opportunity to present for Lutheran Marriage Encounter. They have attended a Kick-off, received the outline and are now beginning to write set 1 + Intro + Living Our Commitment Set 2. We hope to have them weekend ready by our November weekend.

This spring we will be presenting our first weekend in Beaverton, OR. The facility will be a Catholic Retreat Center, which the Portland-area Catholic community uses for their weekends.

Concerns... Presenting strength, community engagement, inviting & publicity – more verses to an old song that we would love to change. Always looking for ideas and prayer support to bring about a revitalization.

Lovingly submitted, [Carl ♥ Dallas Presley](#)

District Report

DLC Ron ♥ Nancy Hawke

DCC Ted ♥ Marty Hartman

Of our many concerns, our biggest is the clear fact that we have fewer and fewer couples filling the many positions needed to continue the future of Marriage Encounter in our Areas and our District. While there have been successful Weekends, new couples offering to take on responsibilities has rarely been seen. We trust God has a plan we are not yet aware of.

Lovingly submitted, [Ron ♥ Nancy Hawke & Ted ♥ Marty Hartman](#)