**DISTRICT REPORT – LUTHERAN MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER NAR**

**July 27-29, 2023 \* NAR Meeting – Mesa, AZ**

**District:** Western

**Presenting couple roster status:**

No known changes since last report

**Good News:**

* Sacramento CA Area – Partnership with local churches

Ted and Marty Hartman have initiated conversation with a large and thriving congregation in the greater Sacramento area about possible collaboration on marriage ministry in the area. Both pastors were enthusiastic about the possibility and underscored the great need for marriage resources in the congregation as well as the area. Possible options for collaboration are being developed and we will keep you updated on their development.

**Concerns:**

* The three presenting couples who were going to present the June weekend in Mesa were quite disappointed in the number of registrations. Before canceling the weekend we received feedback from several couples who were interested in the fall date as opposed to the summer date. Hopeful that the Nov Mesa weekend happens!

**Forward Direction: (plans, hopes, dreams)**

* Jason and Leah Cole are currently researching two California locations for a “Destination Weekend” that would be targeted at previously encountered couples. San Diego area and North Lake Tahoe area (during the off season of Oct./April) are presenting as two solid options. The thought is to reinvigorate the energy of hundreds of couples in our area who may need encouragement and a refresher in tools.
* Nov 2023 Weekend in Mesa, AZ!!!

**What are the next steps in making any of these a reality?** Direction in cost structure for a Destination/Renewal weekend.

**How can we be supportive of you as you do that?** Prayer, and clear direction on cost for alternate weekend platforms.