



THE PRESENTER HOTLINE

North American Lutheran Marriage Encounter Presenter Newsletter

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New NAR Leadership Couples Elected



Elections for Lutheran Marriage Encounter Leadership couples were held at the August 16-18 North American Region meeting in St. Louis. Elected for 3-year terms are Clergy Executive Couple John & Nancy Orwig (left) and Lay Executive Couple, Don & Judy Christiansen. Please keep them and the Marriage Encounter Ministry in your prayers.



A note from our retiring executive couples: "It is with honor and joy we have served as NAR execs for the last 3 years! THANK YOU for all you have done to make this ministry what it is! THANK YOU for serving with us! Blessings to ALL!"

Dan & Judy Teuscher [left] and Dean & Marcia Redman

North American Region Staff Positions filled:

The following couples have been appointed to fill the NAR Staff positions:



Supply Couple:

Ralph & Judi Golnick

Email: golnickralph@comcast.net



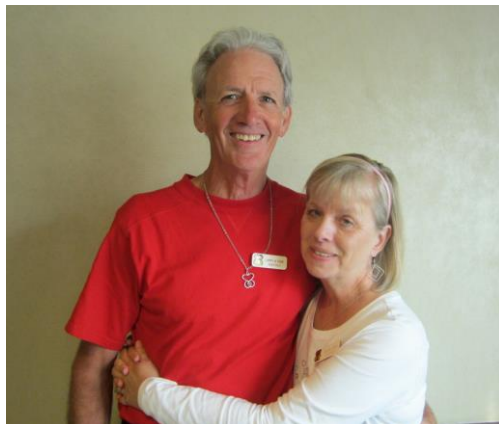
Secretary Couple:

Dan & Charlotte Ricks (pictured when co-chair-couple of the Dallas International Reunion)

Finance Couple:

Dean & Marcia Redman

(Pictured on previous page)



Elected by District 3 and welcomed and commissioned at the NAR Meeting were new District 3 Lay Contact Couple: **Larry & Coke Guilfoile.**



NAR Presenting Couple Coordinators:

Fred & Julie Schamber have consented to continue in this role until a replacement is found (shown celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary-which was Sunday, August 18-with Marriage Encounter friends at the meeting in St. Louis.)



How are your Re-writes Coming?

- **Status of re-writes**

Some areas are planning to do their fall Weekends with the whole new CPO outline. Others are doing a combined Weekend with some old talks and some CPO talks. Reminder to Third Set Couples: You are responsible for being sure that all presenters for a given Weekend are planning on the same version (old or new CPO) for each talk and have the workbooks printed to match. Take your copy of what you need to FedEx/Kinkos (or wherever you can get the best price), and have them run off the number of copies needed. See further information below under "Workbook Inserts." (One caution: if you do the new Self, you need to do the new Risk; otherwise, we leave Aldonza without transforming her into Dulcinea.)

When you have finished all talks and had them workshopped, please inform us (Fred & Julie Schamber, NARPCC's, at fjschamber@comcast.net) so if an area contacts us needing your Set, we can check with you. Also it is important to keep us informed of any de-selections.

Reminder of how to get the outlines for all 10 talks in case anyone needs it:

To access the new: (1) outlines only, (2) outlines with mentality, (3) templates, & (4) workbook pages, go to: www.ilme.org , click on "Resources for Couples who have been on a Weekend," then on "Presenting Couples," enter password: "LME/pc" and find "CPO Outlines and Workbook Pages." We encourage you to use the templates which have all the suggested wording already placed in them, so a lot of the instructive part of the talk is already there. Many of your personal examples can be cut and pasted in from your previous talks.

- **Second Reads & Workshopping**

The NAR Board decided at the meeting that Second Reads on the new CPO talks will not be necessary unless a couple is writing the talk for the first time. New Workshoppers are encouraged to have someone second read your workshopping until you are more experienced. First Set couples are encouraged to present their Self talk to their circle or a Marriage Encounter community event for the experience.

- **Writing Day**

We thank the Ohio area, and particularly Steve and Sue Rufe, for organizing the "Writing Day" which was held on June 15. Many couples did writing on that day, and many others prayed for the writers. We encourage all areas to be creative with ways to encourage writing, and please share your ideas with us.

- **Another Writing Day Scheduled**



Steve & Sue Rufe of the Ohio area are hosting another Presenters' Talk Writing Day on **Saturday, August 31** from 9:30 - 4 PM (and beyond if the spirit moves folks) at their house. They would love for all presenters everywhere to join them in writing on that day. Please consider either getting together to write with other couples in your area or writing

as a couple on this day, and please do keep all writers in your prayers on the 31st.

- **2 Minor Corrections on the CPO Outline**

In the Covenant Talk for the opening Prayer:

If you are using the opening prayer, be sure you have struck the words "as a sacrament" in the suggested wording, as marriage is not a sacrament in Lutheranism.

In the Living Our Covenant Talk VII D - How to Donate:

The outline states we should "inform them that any amount donated above the cost of their room and meals is tax deductible." In the Lutheran outline, it has always been the amount over the cost of room, meals, and the overhead expense (\$175.00). It was decided at NAR that this is the more correct interpretation, so we will continue to consider the fair market value to include the \$175 also. So, as always, the tax deductible amount is the amount given over and above your Weekend quote.

Workbook Inserts

Workbooks inserts (for this year at least) are to be ordered by each area at a local printer as the inclusion of the new CPO talks will vary from Weekend to Weekend. The number of pages per Workbook has been increased to 83 pages. Find a copy of the new Workbook in the CPO Outlines section that you can print and take whatever pages are needed to have it copied.

Some sample prices at the local FedEx/Kinkos in the Pittsburgh area:

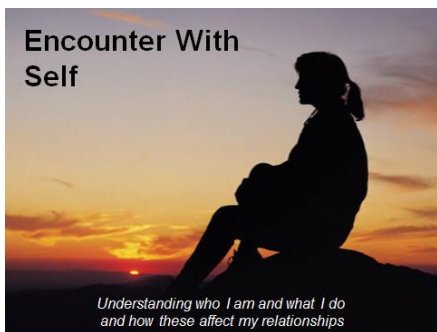
1 workbook --	\$12.63 each
25 workbooks -- \$251.49	(\$10.00 each)
50 workbooks -- \$430.13	(\$8.00 each)
100 workbooks-- \$774.68	(\$7.74 each)
[1,000 workbooks--\$4,628.82	(\$4.63 each)]

So, obviously, if you have an opportunity to get together with others in an adjoining area, it would be advantageous to place your order together, and share the Workbooks. We were told to allow 2 days when we place our order. We're assuming that all will request that the first page be printed in color and the rest of the pages in black and white to get the best price.

To place your order, go to your FedEx/Kinkos (or wherever you can get a better price) and purchase the number needed for your Weekend.

New important information for ordering Workbook inserts: For FedEx/Kinko orders, contact new supply couple, Ralph and Judi Golinick at golnickralph@comcast.net for the account number needed to charge the amount directly to our financial couple.

- **Weekend PowerPoint**



Sue Rufe has now finished the new CPO PowerPoint (over 80 hours of work—Bless her!) It will be piloted on a couple of early September Weekends in the Carolinas and Pennsylvania and then will be posted on the www.ilme.org website. We thank Sue (and

Steve for his support) so much for all their work on this!

- **Innovation Awards**

Don Quixote awards (the top level awards given to those performing a service of benefit to all of Marriage Encounter) were approved for Jean Fell, Karen Bass, June Rabatin, and John & Janet Duncan for all their work as part of the CPO Committee. They will be receiving beautiful wooden windmills. We thank them so much for their countless hours of service in “CPO-ing” the new outlines released by Worldwide!





• WEEKEND CD

Has your area received a copy of the CD with the music for the CPO Outline Weekends? If not, check with your Area Lay Contact Couple who should have received copies from your District Lay Contact Couple.

Remember before you can use the music, you must either own the "Man of LaMancha" CD/Album (original 1965 Broadway album with Joan Diener and Richard

Kiley), OR follow these steps to be legal:

1. Download the itunes program onto your computer if you do not already have it there. (Go to: www.itunes.com. Click on "download." Click on the icon that appears in your tool bar at the bottom of your computer, and follow the prompts to get it downloaded. It's free.)
2. Click on the itunes icon that now appears on your desktop.
3. Choose "Store" from the menu that appears across the top.
4. In the search box, enter "Man of LaMancha."
5. Click on the original 1965 Broadway album with Joan Diener and Richard Kiley. (This is the one with the bright yellow cover with a blue seal on it.)
6. Click on "View songs for individual purchase." A new list of songs will appear.
7. Purchase the following (\$1.29 each) from this list: No. 9: Impossible Dream (Richard Kiley) No. 14: Aldonza (Joan Diener & Richard Kiley), No. 16: Dulcinea, the Impossible Dream (Reprisal—Diener, Kiley, Jacobson, etc.
8. You should get a receipt via email. (It may take a couple of days.) Print this receipt, and keep it OR the original CD/album that you own in your 3rd Set box as a documentation of your purchase.



• Display Boards for Conferences

Gary & Ann Long are the current coordinators of the 2 Interfaith Display Boards. Please contact them at: gri@gutterman.com if you would like to use one of the display boards for a synodical assembly, conference, or other event. It will then be mailed to you, and your area will be responsible for the expense in mailing it on to the next couple requesting it.

NEWS FROM OUR MEDIA /COMMUNICATION/PUBLICITY COUPLE:
CRAIG & CONNIE LEINICKE:

- * From February to August of 2013, there were 7,348 hits on the www.GodLovesMarriage.org website!
- * Facebook “likes” have increased to 1, 100.
- * Databases of all LCMS, ELCA, and NALC church email addresses in all 50 US states as well as all of Canada are stored at Leinicke Group.
- * There was discussion about the possibility of creating several 5-10 minute video presentations by various Marriage Encounter couples that could be recorded and disseminated to encountered couples via a web link.
- * Photos of the facilities have been included on the website as many of the questions sent to the website were regarding what facility was being used.
- * A poster/brochure holder has been planned, and it is hoped will soon be available through the new supply couple.
- * Leinickes request that if you have a cutoff date for applications for a Weekend, you give them that information to include in your e-blasts.
- * Contact Leinickes at conniel@leinickegroup.com to receive more tri-fold brochures.
- * Social Media: Be sure you continue to “like” the Facebook page (GodLovesMarriage.org) and “follow” the Twitter account (GodLuvS Marriage) to grow awareness and influence of these two outreach efforts.
- * A “Private Group” on Facebook entitled “LME Encountered Couples” has been started. Leinickes recommend that Weekend Team Couples encourage encountered couples to join the group.

Other news from the NAR meeting:

- * The next Deeper will be November 8-10 in Dallas. We are combining Deepers with the Methodist faith expression, so this one will be presented by Methodist Deeper Presenters.
- * A DVD Avery label template is now available on the ilme website to use for your Marriage Encounter Videos.
- * The mileage reimbursement rate for Marriage Encounter travel was increased to 24 cents per mile. Remember though that any amount over the IRS rate of 14 cents per mile for charitable organizations is taxable.
- * The Worldwide Catholic Convention will be held July 25-27, 2013 in Houston. You are encouraged to consider attending.
- * Much discussion was held concerning the inclusion of non-Lutheran presenters on Lutheran Weekends and perhaps allowing non-Lutheran couples to attend our Deepers and become presenters for the Lutheran faith expression. This might include mixed-faith couples, non-denominational couples, etc. All are encouraged to make your opinions known to your district leadership couples.

* A Crisis Communication Plan has been developed in the event of an unforeseen circumstance that could occur at a Marriage Encounter Weekend or event. It should be printed from the ilme website and kept with the administrative couple on Weekends.



ANNOUNCING:
**ILME FAMILY
REUNION
TURKU, FINLAND
JULY 25-27, 2014**



We recently received news that the Lutheran Marriage Encounter family in Finland will host the next International Family Reunion in Turku, Finland. This is very exciting news. To those of you who have attended an International Family Reunion (like the one in Dallas last summer), you know what fun they are and how blessed we all are to be a part of the Marriage Encounter family. To those who have yet to have the experience, we strongly encourage you to treat yourselves to a truly wonderful way to see how Marriage Encounter is changing the world one couple at a time. Turku is located on the southwest coast of Finland, about 100 miles west of Helsinki. Turku was founded in the 13th century, and is considered to be the oldest town in Finland, so there is a lot of rich history there.

You are encouraged to meet your international family, to share the common bond we all have of a Marriage Encounter weekend, to laugh, to form new friendships, and share God's love in worship. The price for Friday through Sunday will be approximately 400 Euros (roughly \$533) per couple. They expect to start taking registrations on January 1, 2014. Carl & Dallas Presley, ILME Board Facilitators, have volunteered to be the contact couple for this event. You may contact them at: carl.presley@comcast.net. More details will be forthcoming. In the meantime, save the date and plan to see this part of the world, and please *SPREAD THE WORD IN YOUR COMMUNITY!*

See flyer on next page.

"MEET ME AGAIN"

Marriage Encounter Family Reunion

Turku Finland 25. - 27.7.2014

Conference Hotel Linnasmäki www.linnasmaki.fi

Fellowship

Lessons

Groups

Dialogs

Good food

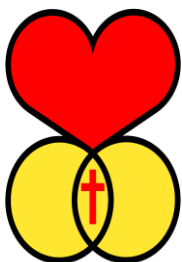
Friends

"Evening for love" in Turku Cathedral with Maija & Hannu Nyman



Prices: Friday- Sunday approx
400 e / couple

Registration begins 1.1.2014



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E-BLASTING TO CHURCHES

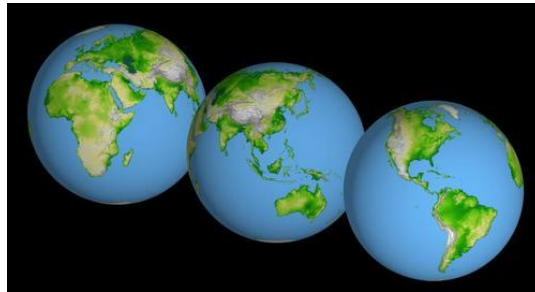
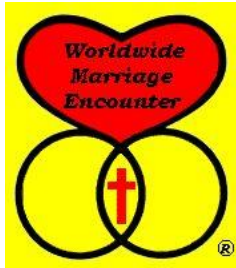
Craig & Connie Leinicke of the marketing firm "Leinicke Group" are attempting to e-blast all churches in each area for a given Weekend about 3 months before each Weekend. If you would like to reach them about an e-blast for your area, you can contact them at conniel@leinickegroup.com.

Remember it is up to you to update any email addresses that bounce, and get that information back to the Leinickes before your next e-blast.



Missed the Webinars on the re-writes?

Jean Fell has taken notes on them which Jake Rabatin has now posted on the www.ilme.org website. Find the document in the same section as the talk outlines.



THE www.ilme.org WEBSITE IS YOUR LIFELINE FOR ALL THINGS LUTHERAN MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER. THIS ILME (INTERNATIONAL LUTHERAN MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER) WEBSITE INCLUDES ALL KINDS OF DOCUMENTS AND HELPS FOR ENCOUNTERED COUPLES.

For all your information needed, go to: www.ilme.org and click on "Resources for Couples who have been on a Marriage Encounter" to find: dialog helps, workshop ideas, circle presentations, inviting ideas, graphics, bylaws, the new letterhead, the new web banners, and the 2013 and under Presenting Couples (enter the password: LME/pc -- note it is case sensitive) find: Board Minutes, Outlines, the current Workbook, Rosters, Admin Documents, Outreach, Deeper, and Kick-off materials, Weekend Materials (including the current PowerPoint, the current Prayer Vigil, and the new membership cards and business cards) and the current and previous "Presenter Hotlines."

