

THE PRESENTER HOTLINE

North American Lutheran Marriage Encounter Presenter Newsletter

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Shown are from left: Presenters Jim & Detra Swenson, Brent & Sandy Blake (District IV - Wilsonville, OR), Stephen & Margaret Lacey (District I, UCC, Windsor, CT), Jason & Jennifer Manthey (District I, Garfield Hts, OH), Mark & Jessica Snider (District III, Emporia, KS), Presenters Dave & Elsa Larson, Donald & Shannen Clark [behind] (District II, Plainfield, IL), Paul & Beth Lynn Lindstrom (District IV, Portland OR), David & Danielle Stell (District I, Port Perry, Ontario), Larry & Dawn Miller (District II, Aurora, IL)

Welcome New Writers!

A Deeper Weekend was held on April 12-14 in Houston. Presenters Jim & Detra Swenson report that the 8 couples on this Deeper Weekend were fantastic in their openness and trust. They feel truly called and committed to minister their love to others. Marriage Encounter has been blessed.



How are your Re-writes Coming?

- **10 TALKS** --Please note that all 10 talks (remember there are only 10 now) are posted on the www.ilme.org website. Go to: "Resources for couples who have been on a Weekend" > "Presenting Couples" (password: LME/pc) >find CPO talks. There is now a folder for each talk, and under each talk you will find: the Skeleton Outline, the Outline and Mentality, a template (which many find simplifies the writing because all of the formatting is done for you and the suggested wording is already placed in the talk; however, be sure you DO read the outline—don't depend on the template for your content guide), and the new Workbook pages that will go with each talk numbered separately for each talk.
- **3rd SET RESPONSIBILITY**—The goal set by NAR is to transition into all new talks by this September. However, realistically, as we transition into the new talks, there may need to be some adjustments. It will be up to the 3rd Set/Admin couple to ascertain where each of your writers are as you prepare for a given Weekend to make sure the team is all on the same page. So a given Weekend may be using some old and some new talks if absolutely necessary. (One caution if you do the new Self, you need to do the new Risk; otherwise we leave Aldonza without transforming her into Dulcinea.)
- **WORKBOOKS** --We are going to try having each area take the copy to FedEx/Kinkos to have your workbooks printed, so plan to make the number of copies needed for a given Weekend. (Find the complete workbook in the same section with the talks.) Please use your state tax exempt form to get the best price. The workbook will have "Lutheran Marriage Encounter" on the front cover and the Lutheran Communion statement at the end; otherwise, it is the CPO pages that all faith

expressions received. (Some faith expressions may choose to do revisions, or some use the all-in-one Workbook spiral, so there may be some differences in Workbooks.) If your writers are not all finished, this may involve taking a copy for a given Weekend that has some pages from the old workbook and some from the new. We're assuming that we should request that the first page be printed in color and the rest of the pages in black and white to get the best price.

Nominations for NAR Clergy and Lay Execs Closed as of April 30

Nominations have now been closed for the new NAR Executive couples. The Redmans and Teuschers inform us that the following couples have agreed to be nominated; however, their final decisions to run or not are not due until they have had time to dialogue and pray about the nomination. If after dialogue they feel that it is not their calling, they may choose to withdraw. They must submit their final decision by June 15.

Following are the couples nominated:

Lay exec:

Don and Judy Christiansen

Mark and Kari Hooper

Roger and Chris Williams

Clergy exec:

Ted and Jane Guthrie

John and Nancy Orwig

Voting will take place at the August NAR meeting.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

The new Lay and Clergy execs who will be elected in August will make the final decisions regarding the following appointed positions, but Redmans & Teuschers hope to have some names to pass on to them.

OPEN POSITIONS:

- NAR Secretary
- NAR Finance Couple
- NAR Supply Couple
- NAR Presenting Couple Coordinators

If you know of someone who might be interested in more information about any of these loving tasks, please contact Dean and Marcia Redman (dmredman@nc.rr.com) or Dan & Judy Teuscher (danjudy@aol.com).

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.





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Applications: GodLovesMarriage.org Resources: ilme.org

Business Cards..Membership Cards..Letterhead..Web Banners

Please make use of these great resources now posted on the website.

For business card and membership card templates: www.ilme.org >

Resources for Couples who have been on a Weekend >

Presenting Couples (enter password: LME/pc) >Weekend

materials > Membership and Business Cards. There is also a

document with helpful hints for using these templates.

For letterhead and web banner: www.ilme.org > Resources for

Couples who have been on a Weekend > Miscellaneous.

Please note: These documents may be condensed on the website, but if you download them, they should print very well.



CURRENT BROCHURE

If you have not received copies of the new brochure, contact your District Leadership Couples. 30,000 copies at approximately 3 cents per copy have been printed and distributed to district leadership couples, so let's get them out there!



Might you be willing to host an 18-year-old boy from Finland for 2-3 weeks this summer?

The following request has been received by Carl♥Dallas Presley from Maija ♥ Hannu Nyman in Finland. They say "the son of one of our ME friends wants to find a home for 2-3- weeks in USA... He is 18 yrs, very active in sports, a good boy and needs some exercise for his English. He is writing it at his school before the University and wants to make well. Tuomas Puhakka is his name and we have worked together with his mother in a Christian Magazine years ago. Tuomas could come after July 8th. He also wants to write his own letter and story to the family, who has also children to get good practice with English. He has already studied it many years, but speaking capability needs just more practice."

Maija♥Hannu were encountered in 1986; very early in Finland's Marriage Encounter history. They travelled to Iceland for their first encounter weekend. Dan♥Judy Teuscher presented their Deeper. They continue to present weekends in Finland.

Here is an opportunity not only for an interesting learning experience for everyone, but a chance for our international family to help each other and to grow. Maija♥Hannu have provided the e-mail address of Toumas' parents. Anyone interested can contact them directly to get more information to help make a decision. The parents' e-mail address is paivi.puhakka@kotimaa.fi.

Please consider how you might be able to respond to this request. If you can't do it, perhaps an encountered couple in your community would see this as an opportunity, so please pass the request on. Carl♥Dallas don't have much more information, but are willing to assist in any way they can. They can be contacted by e-mail (carl.presley@comcast.net) or by phone (206-522-6849). Thank you in advance for considering this request from our international family.

2013 WWME Prayer Vigil

The new 2013 Prayer Vigil has been posted on the www.ilme.org website. Find the Eastern Time Zone version and the instructions for taking it to FedEx/Kinkos to be printed on an approximately 3-foot by 8-foot banner for your Weekends under "Weekend Materials." Many areas find that rolling down this scroll of prayer warriors during the Dream talk is one of the most moving parts of the Weekend for many couples. We thank David & Jean Fell for their many hours of work on this. Let's make their time well worth the effort!



HAVE TALKS...WILL TRAVEL

Following are the couples who have notified us that they are willing/usually able to travel to other areas to present their talks when needed and may be able to use Frequent Flyer miles or cover their travel costs:

John & Nancy Orwig – clergy - Buffalo, WY nancyorwig@gmail.com

Bob & Linda McGurn – clergy – Granby, CT mcgurn@snet.net

Craig & Connie Leinicke – 2nd Set – Ellisville, MO conniel@leinickegroup.com

Dean & Marcia Redman – 3rd Set – Chapel Hill, NC dmredman@nc.rr.com

Don & Judy Christiansen – 3rd Set – Saginaw, MI fv4t7@chartermi.net

Bob & Sandie Cain – 1st Set – Shelby Township, MI cains_65@yahoo.com

Steve & Sue Rufe – 2nd Set – Parma, OH srufe@sbcglobal.net

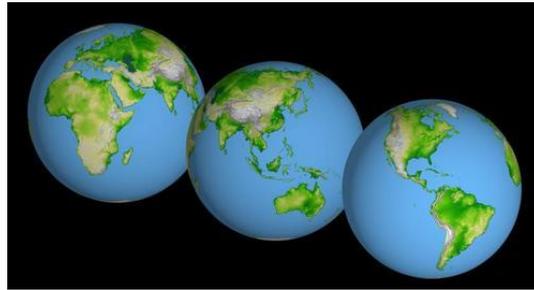
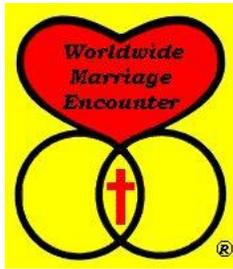
Ron & Nancy Hawke – 3rd Set – Mi Wuk Village, CA rshawke@gmail.com

Laird & Winnie Engle – Clergy – El Campo, TX laird-winnie@sbcglobal.net

If you are willing to have your name added to this list, please let us know at:

Fred & Julie Schamber -- fjschamber@comcast.net or 724-325-3166.

Also, let us know when you have finished re-writing all of the talks up to and including whatever Set you are, so that if an area is in need of a new outline Set for a Weekend, you might be able to help. Thanks.



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."

