



THE PRESENTER HOTLINE

North American Lutheran Marriage Encounter Presenter Newsletter

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Larry & Coke Guilfoile

New NAR Presenting Couple Coordinators

Minnesota Presenters Larry and Coke Guilfoile have been appointed as the new NAR Presenting Couple Coordinators. You may reach them at:

ime2some@frontiernet.net.

We (Fred & Julie Schamber) have served in this position for the past 7 years, so had asked to be replaced. It has been our privilege to work closely with some of the most wonderful couples in the world, and we will miss attending the NAR meetings and getting to know dedicated Lutheran Marriage Encounter couples from all over the North American Region. We, however, have now taken on the position of District I Presenting Couple Coordinators and continue to be lay contact couple for PA, so will still be very involved in this wonderful ministry. We thank everyone for your support and encouragement while serving in this position, and our prayers continue to be with all presenting couples.



CONGRATULATIONS to all couples who have finished their re-writes! We hope you found doing the writing to be an experience that created a yet deeper intimacy in your relationship. For those still finishing their re-writes, how can we help? Our prayers are with you!

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Deeper Weekend Reminder: Lutheran Deepers are now being combined with the Methodists, so the next Deeper will be presented by the Methodist Clergy & Lay Couple, and is scheduled for **Nov. 7-9, 2014** in Texas. Lutheran registrations should still go to Dave & Elsa Larson at: delarson@windstream.net.

Resource for a Lifetime List of Dialogue Questions

For all of you who have been giving out the resource that had around 40,000 dialogue questions arranged by categories (<http://csweb.cs.bgsu.edu/maner/dialogue/>), in your take-home packets, we recently learned that that link was no longer working. After much research, we were able to track down the creator of the resource, and it has now been posted at: www.ilme.org

→Resources for couples who have been on a Weekend→Dialogue Questions→**Lifetime List of Dialogue Questions**. Another resource you may wish to pass on to couples is the section of the Catholic website which has around 9,100 dialogue questions many of which can be categorized by subject: <http://wwme.org/dialog-questions.html>.



Your Financial Help Needed!

As most of you are aware, as facility expenses and operating expenses have increased significantly, it has become more and more difficult to cover expenses through Weekend donations. It is vital for Marriage Encounter to come up with ways to increase revenue and decrease expenses. Because of this, our Boards, both at the NAR level and at the District level, have been discussing ways we

might save money and ways we might increase donations. One way to decrease expenses that is being considered is to replace some face-to-face meetings with meetings by Skype or webinars. **To increase revenue, it is hoped that we can increase the number of encountered couples making repeating donations by monthly withdrawals from either credit cards or bank accounts.** Our media guru, Connie Leinicke, is working on getting a "subscribe" button placed on the www.ilme.org site under "Support the Dream of Lutheran Marriage Encounter" → Donate" because this is what the PayPal system requires for couples wishing to make recurring donations. Look for that soon. Also on the next 3 pages see:

- **Page 3** -- The new Thrivent "Simply Giving" form—giving encountered couples the possibility to donate monthly from a bank account.
- **Page 4** -- The new Credit Card Donation form giving encountered couples 2 ways to donate monthly with a credit card—through the website or by mailing the form.
- **Page 5** -- The new Weekend Donation form. Since our processor now handles all major credit cards, we need to strike that we only accept Visa & MasterCard from the Weekend Credit Card Donation form and add American Express and Discover.

These forms are in the process of being posted on the www.ilme.org website for your convenience. Be sure to pass on these possibilities to encountered couples in your area through your newsletters!



Member Enrollment and Authorization Form

To give monthly repeating donations to Lutheran Marriage Encounter (DBA: Call to be Family) from your bank account, please mail this completed form & your voided check or savings deposit slip to: **Jim Tollefson, 1575 Eagle Street, Ogilvie, MN 56358**

Complete this section for ALL ENROLLMENTS (Please print in black ink)

Check the appropriate box: <input type="checkbox"/> New enrollment/authorization * <input type="checkbox"/> Change in bank account * <input type="checkbox"/> Change in authorized amount	Last Name	First Name	M.I.
	Mailing Address		
	City	State	ZIP
	Home Telephone #	Work Telephone #	

Donations/payments should be taken from:
 Checking (attach a voided check)
 Savings (attach a savings deposit slip)

Routing Number _____
Valid Routing # must start with 0, 1, 2 or 3

Account Number _____

REQUIRED:
 I authorize Thrivent Financial for Lutherans and Vanco Services, LLC to automatically withdraw offerings/donations/payments from my account. I have attached a voided check or savings deposit slip. This authority will remain in effect until I give reasonable notification to terminate the authorization.

Account Holder Signature _____
 Date _____

*** ATTACH A VOIDED CHECK OR SAVINGS DEPOSIT SLIP FOR A NEW ENROLLMENT OR CHANGE IN BANK ACCOUNT ONLY**

Complete this section for Lutheran CONGREGATION DONATIONS

Congregation Name		Street Address	
City		State	ZIP

Church Fund Designations:	Amount Per Donation:	Frequency of Donation: (Please check only one)
General/Operating _____	\$ _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Weekly on Monday
Building _____	\$ _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Weekly on Friday
Evangelism/Outreach _____	\$ _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Semi-monthly (transferred on 1 st and 15 th of each month)
_____	\$ _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Monthly on the 1 st
_____	\$ _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Monthly on the 15 th
TOTAL DONATION AMOUNT \$ _____ (minimum \$5)		Date of First Donation _____

Note: The total amount will be transferred based on the frequency selected.

Complete this section for Lutheran SCHOOL TUITION PAYMENTS

School Name	Street Address
City	State ZIP

(a) Total annual tuition for all family members \$ _____
 (b) Number of payments (see below) _____
 (c) Amount of each payment (a ÷ b) \$ _____

Date of First Payment _____
 Date of Last Payment _____

Contact your school for information on:
 • Payment duration options (e.g., 10 months or 12 months)
 • Date the first and last payments are due
 • Date that monthly transaction must occur

Complete this section for Lutheran INSTITUTION DONATIONS

Institution Name	Street Address	
City	State	ZIP

Date of Donation: (Please check only one)
 Monthly on the 1st
 Monthly on the 15th

Amount of monthly donation \$ _____ (minimum \$5)

Date of First Donation _____
 Date of Last Donation _____

Note: To have your donation given continuously until you notify us to change or stop it, please write "CONT" in the Date of Last Donation.

***** REQUIRED *** MUST BE COMPLETED BY CONGREGATION/INSTITUTION**

Congregation/Institution Code _____ Envelope/Student/Participant Number _____ Verifier Initials _____

CREDIT CARD DONATIONS

Two ways to make credit card donations to Lutheran Marriage Encounter:

- Go to www.ilme.org → Support the Dream of Lutheran Marriage Encounter → Donate
You may make a one-time donation, or check the button called "Subscribe" to make this a monthly donation.

OR

- Fill out the form below and mail it to our North American Region Finance Couple:
Dean and Marcia Redman
NAR Finance Couple
3615 Amberidge Drive
Chapel Hill, NC 27514

Your credit card statement will read "Lutheran Marriage Encounter."

Circle type of credit card: MasterCard Visa Discover American Express

Credit card number _____ Exp. Date _____

3-digit security code (on card's reverse, in signature area) _____

Home Tel. # _____

Name as it appears on this card:

Full billing address:

AMOUNT _____

Signature of person named on this card

In order to receive a notification that your credit card has been processed, please provide an email address:

For future and/or repeating donations by credit card, also fill in the pledge below:

We would like to give:

\$ _____

on _____ (date/dates)

and /or \$ _____ monthly--a total of _____ times ending on _____ (date)

or: \$ _____ monthly--beginning on _____ continuing

indefinitely until advised to stop -- check here _____

To make your donation to continue the gift of Lutheran Marriage Encounter Weekends by credit card, simply fill in this slip and return it in your blank envelope to the Conference Room basket. Your donation will be processed within the next few days and receipted by the District Finance Couple. Your credit card statement will read "Lutheran Marriage Encounter."

Circle type of credit card: MasterCard Visa American Express Discover

Credit card number _____ Exp. Date _____

3-digit security code (on card's reverse, in signature area) _____ Home Tel. # _____

Name as it appears on this card: _____

Full billing address: _____

AMOUNT _____

Signature of person named on this card

In order to receive a notification that your credit card has been processed, please provide an e-mail address: _____

We are also able to accept future and even repeating donations by credit card. Pledge:

In addition to the above, we would like to give...

\$ _____ on _____ (date/dates)

Or \$ _____ monthly, beginning on _____ (date)

for a total of _____ times or ending on _____ (date)

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DISTRICT PRESENTING COUPLE COORDINATORS

Following are the couples serving as District Presenting Couple Coordinators. Please pass this information on to all Area Presenting Couple Coordinators.

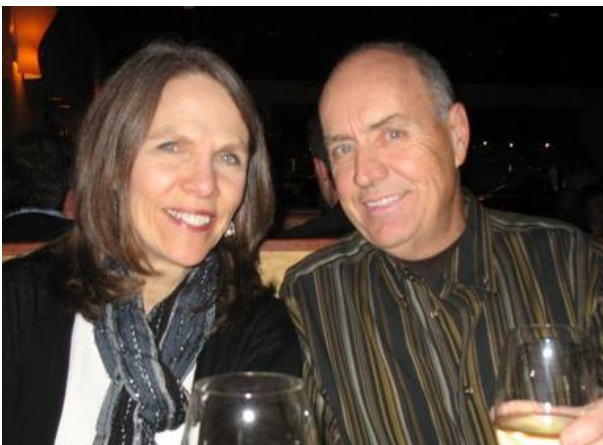
Area Presenting Couple Coordinators: If you have a Weekend where you are in need of Clergy or lay presenters and you have contacted all the APCC's in your district and have not been able to fill these openings, be sure to contact your District Presenting Couple Coordinator who will then contact the other District Coordinators to help you fill that opening.



District I Presenting Couple Coordinators:
Fred & Julie Schamber: fjschamber@comcast.net



District II Presenting Couple Coordinators:
Ralph & Judy Golnick : golnickralph@comcast.net



District III Presenting Couple Coordinators:
Larry & Yvonne Andrews: ylandrews@cox.net



District IV Presenting Couple Coordinators:
Mark & Kari Hooper: karimark76@wavecable.com



* Have you sent your area database of encountered couples to your District Lay Contact Couple and updated this with the recently encountered? These are needed for the initiative being worked on by our marketing couple which we hope will keep all of our encountered couples more connected to the Marriage Encounter Ministry.

*Are you using your area's eblasts to churches to invigorate community support of Weekends by pressing the "Forward This Email" button at the bottom of the eblast and sending it to all or key couples in your communities? Please encourage couples to mention it to their church and friends with their own testimonial.

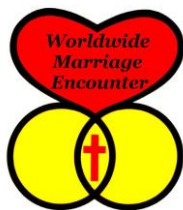
*Have you sent documents that might work for all areas to our marketing couple, Craig & Connie Leinicke at: conniel@leinickegroup.com for posting of an online post-Weekend packet?

*Have you gone to: www.facebook.com and typed in "GodLovesMarriage" and "liked" the Marriage Encounter Facebook page?

*Have you made the following correction 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 your Weekend quote.

* If you have policies or investments with **Thrivent Financial for Lutherans**, have you directed your Thrivent Choice Dollars to Lutheran Marriage Encounter and encouraged others in your area to do this? If you don't direct the charitable funds allotted to you by Thrivent, Thrivent chooses where to send them, so please call 800-847-4836 and say "Thrivent Choice" or go to www.thrivent.com/thriventchoice to direct your Choice Dollars.

NEW WEDS MANUAL



THE WEDS MANUAL

A new WEDS Manual has now been posted on the www.ilme.org website. Thank you the many proofreaders and to Jean Fell for condensing it into 26 pages so it can now be printed using only 14 sheets of paper (having the cover page separate and then double-siding the rest.) Please use whatever facility where you get the best price for printing. Please use only this version so that we are distributing a standardized, accurate version.

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Peacemaking in LME

Where 2 or 3 are gathered...there is a potential for conflict. Unfortunately, this is occasionally true even in Lutheran Marriage Encounter. Ed Kast has written a document which outlines Christian steps in the peacemaking process. It will be posted on the www.ilme.org website.

And one more reminder of the:

International Family Reunion for the whole family July 25-27, 2014

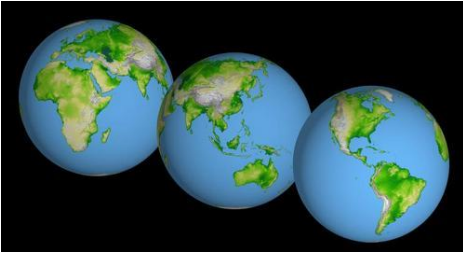
Conference Hotel Linnasmaki (www.linnasmaki.fi)Turku, Finland
280 euros/couple (\$380/couple) inclusive of meals, accommodation
and program for Friday through Sunday
Children 4-12 – 50%

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. For more information or to register online, go to: www.facebook.com and look for: ILME International Family Reunion 2014

To register: <http://memennaaneteenpain.fi/index.php/ilme-ifr2014>
For questions: infofr2014@gmail.com



Carl & Dallas Presley, ILME Board Facilitators, are the North American Region contact couple for this event. You may contact them at: carl.presley@comcast.net.



The www.ilme.org WEBSITE is your lifeline for all things Lutheran Marriage Encounter. Some items you want to check out on this ILME (International Lutheran Marriage Encounter) website include the following:

- * The New WEDS Manual
- * The Simply Giving Form
- * The Credit Card Donation form
- * The current Workbook & Workbook replacement pages
- * Updated Weekend Quote document
- * the new CPO PowerPoint and supporting document
- * timeline for doing 75/75, 60/75, Or 60/60 extended dialogue
- * the new inviting video with the introduction shortened
- * the new template for the inviting video circular cover
- * suggested Prayer Couple prayers to match timeline of the Weekend
- * New 2014 prayer vigil
- * New Deeper and Kick-off materials
- * GodLovesMarriage Letterhead
- * New web banner
- * Membership cards template
- * Business cards template
- * NAR Board minutes
- * Admin documents
- * Past issues of "The Presenter Hotline"

For items for presenters, go to: www.ilme.org and click on "Resources for Couples who have been on a Marriage Encounter" and under Presenting Couples (enter the password: LME/pc -- note it is case sensitive).

