



# THE PRESENTER HOTLINE

North American Lutheran Marriage Encounter Presenter Newsletter

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**A BIG WELCOME TO OUR 5 NEW WRITING COUPLES WHO ATTENDED THE JANUARY 20-22, 2012 DEEPER IN HOUSTON!**

*Shown from left standing: Eigil & Sheila Hillerup (Milton, Ontario, Canada), Presenters Jim & Detra Swenson, Presenters Ted & Marty Hartman, Lloyd & Joanne Wertz (Pottsville, PA), and Steve & Ann Genrich (Bloomington, MN). Kneeling: Bob & Lisa Duffer (Clinton Twp, MI) and Jim & Jill Steinke (Grand Island, NE). We welcome them to the world of presenting! Please keep them in your prayers.*

## NORTH AMERICAN BOARD MEETING

The North American Region semi-annual board meeting was held January 27-29, 2012 at the Crowne Plaza St. Louis-Airport Hotel in Bridgeton, MO. The theme for this 3-year term is "Dream the Impossible Dream."



Shown are our North American Executives: Dean & Marcia Redman (NAR Lay) and Dan & Judy Teuscher (NAR Clergy)

## THE BOARD



**District I:** Seated: Don & Judy Christiansen (Lay), and Ted & Jane Guthrie (Clergy)



**District II:** Seated: John & Connie Heins (Clergy), and Ralph & Judi Golnick (Lay)



**District III:** Seated Dave & Elsa Larson (Clergy) and Dick & Judy Dehnel (Substitute Lay)



**District IV:** Seated: John & Jennifer Pettinger (Lay) and John & Nancy Orwig (Clergy)



**New Publicity/Media/Communication Couple:** Craig & Connie Leinike



**Secretary Couple:** Bud & Cindy Amack



**Finance Couple:** Ken & Gina Scheiss



**Presenting Couple Coordinators:** Fred & Julie Schamber

# DISTRICT PRESENTING COUPLE COORDINATORS

Following are the couples serving as District 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:  
Charles & Billie Roach: [roachves@charter.net](mailto:roachves@charter.net)



District II Acting Presenting Couple Coordinators:  
Ralph & Judy Golnick : [golnickralph@comcast.net](mailto:golnickralph@comcast.net)



District III Presenting Couple Coordinators:  
Larry & Yvonne Andrews: [ylandrews@cox.net](mailto:ylandrews@cox.net)



District IV Presenting Couple Coordinators:  
Jim & Detra Swenson: [jimanddetra@gmail.com](mailto:jimanddetra@gmail.com)



## THANK YOU, WORKSHOPPERS

We thank the following couples for doing the very time-consuming, important task of workshopping talks! If there are any additions or corrections to this list, please let Chambers know at: [fjschamber@comcast.net](mailto:fjschamber@comcast.net).

### District I:

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Don & Judy Christiansen  
William & Janis Hessler  
Jake & June Rabatin  
David & Jean Fell  
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Dick & Jane Knecht  
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### District IV:

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Bud & Cindy Amack  
John & Jennifer Pettinger  
John & Nancy Orwig  
Ted & Marty Hartman  
Ron & Nancy Hawke  
Steve & Ellen Moulding  
Mark & Kari Hooper  
Carl & Dallas Presley  
Jim & Detra Swenson

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## Presenter Couple Strength as Reported at the NAR Meeting:

	Clergy	3 <sup>rd</sup> Set	2 <sup>nd</sup> Set	1 <sup>st</sup> Set	Total
District 1	6 + 3 writing	9 + 0 writing	6 + 2 writing	5 + 2 writing	33
District II	3 + 2 writing	7 + 1 writing	4 + 1 writing	1 + 2 writing	21
District III	3 + 0 writing	4 + 0 writing	5 + 0 writing	5 + 0 writing	17
District IV	2 + 0 writing	8 + 0 writing	3 + 0 writing	6 + 1 writing	20
<b>Total</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>91</b>

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### NEXT DEEPER

The next Deeper Weekend will probably be set for some time in September. Note that Deepers are now held from Friday through Sunday making it easier for working couples to participate. Be sure to get registration forms and Deeper Homework to the Deeper Coordinators, Dave & Elsa Larson, as soon as possible. And remember that all couples need to write the first draft of section III, parts A,B,C, and D of the Self talk and have that sent to a workshopper and reviewed before going to the Deeper.

Current Deeper Presenters are:

Clergy:  
 Ted & Marty Hartman  
 Dave & Elsa Larson  
 Bob & Linda McGurn

Lay:  
 Dick & Judy Dehnel  
 Jim & Detra Swensen

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### NEXT NAR MEETING

The next NAR meeting will be held in conjunction with the International Family Reunion in Dallas and will run from Thursday, July 5 at 2 PM to Friday, July 6 at noon. The District II and District IV meetings will also be held in conjunction with this event.

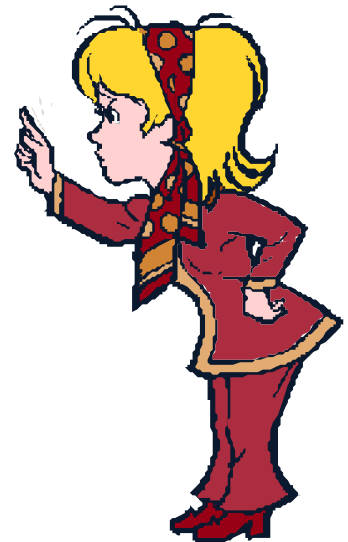
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## STATUS OF OUTLINE REVISIONS

Drafts of the first 10 talks have been sent to the various faith expressions by the Worldwide Outline Committee. They have been reviewed by each faith expression, and comments have been sent to the committee. Only the last 3 talks ("Keeping Your Relationship a Priority," "Sharing in the Dream," and "Continuing Our Journey") remain to be reviewed. So far, only the combined Intro/Feelings talk for Saturday night has been finalized to a CPO (Common Protestant Outline) and then "Lutheranized." This outline has been passed on to all of you Lutheran Marriage Encounter Presenters for you to do your re-writes.

The Lutheran reviewers continue to encourage the Outline Committee not to put the Relationship talk into the Renewal as has been proposed. We await the final proposals regarding the last 3 talks.

**Uh, oh! Here she comes again! Nag, nag, nag! Just another reminder that time is running out to complete your Friday night Intro/Feelings combined talk revisions. The goal is to have all talks updated and workshopped by the end of February before you present your next weekend, or the lay and clergy talks will not mesh.**



# So how is your Friday night combined Intro/Feelings talk revision going?

Presenters are reminded of the following guidelines regarding the Friday night combined Intro/Feelings talk:

## The Timeline:

- \* Workshopping will only be required for the new parts.
- \* A second read should not be necessary as there are few changes.
- \* As soon as a clergy couple, 2nd Set and 3rd Set for a given Weekend have completed the writing and workshopping, the Weekend may be presented using the new outline.
- \* Since this involves no significant re-writing, hopefully most areas will be ready to go with the new outline by whenever their first 2012 Weekend is. No Weekends should be given to the old outline after the end of February, 2012).

## The Workbook:

The first 10 pages of the Workbook will be revised at the next printing. If your area still has copies of the current workbook when you are changing to the new outline, you may either use them as is--shouldn't cause any major problems or confusion--or you may print out the 10 new pages of Workbook which can be found on the [www.ilme.org](http://www.ilme.org) website, keep the cover and the 2 table of contents pages of your current workbooks, pull pages 1-10 of the current workbook and insert the 10 pages you copied into the current workbooks.

## The Procedure:

Presenters are encouraged to use the templates provided. Couples who have been working on their re-writes say the templates have worked very well for them and made the task easier. This also should make the workshopping easier as it ensures that everyone has the right segments in the right order. Templates, outlines, and general instructions can be accessed at: [www.ilme.org](http://www.ilme.org) , click on "Resources for couples who have been on a Weekend," click on "Presenting" and enter the password: LME/pc, and click on "Outlines." The first 4 documents (if sorted by date) should be the CPO (Common Protestant Outline) documents needed.



Presenters are asked to please advise of their progress:

- (1) Their Area Presenting Couple Coordinator
- (2) Their District Presenting Couple Coordinators
- (3) Their NAR Presenting Couple Coordinator

We're anxious to hear that revisions have been made, and 2012 Weekends are good to go!

## Information from the NAR Meeting and General Reminders:

- **MARKETING PROPOSAL ACCEPTED** -- A marketing proposal was accepted for the upcoming 2 years. Craig & Connie Leinicke of "Leinicke Group" gave a presentation on "Plan B." This plan is downsized and thus less expensive than their original proposal. Their firm is "Leinicke Group" located in Manchester, Missouri. The hope is that Weekends will fill through the reaching of thousands of couples using social media. Leinickes are former UCC presenters, now revising their talks to present Lutheran Marriage Encounter Weekends. We will be starting with 3 emphases: (1) the rebuilding of the website, and search engine optimization for that site, (2) an e-blast of God Loves Marriage newsletter to up to 16,000 church email addresses per month, and (3) the design and posting of entries on a God Loves Marriage Facebook page. Subsequent efforts might include: twitter, blogging, YouTube, mobile apps and QR codes. The Leinickes can be contacted at: [craigl@leinickegroup.com](mailto:craigl@leinickegroup.com) or [conniel@leinickegroup.com](mailto:conniel@leinickegroup.com)  
At the present time, Hoopers ( [karimark76@wavecable.com](mailto:karimark76@wavecable.com) ) will continue to handle on-line registrations.
- **ENCOURAGING WRITING COUPLES** -- Our current success rate of getting couples completing the Deeper to actually presenting desperately needs improvement, so a number of ways to encourage our couples writing talks were discussed. Efforts have been initiated to create a support team for each writing couple. Another way to give further encouragement is to have a writing couple, when they have completed a talk, give that talk on a Weekend and be a part of all the behind scenes activity with the other presenters. It was decided that if an area wishes to do this for a given Weekend, they should first notify

the NARPCC's (Fred & Julie Schamber at [fjschamber@comcast.net](mailto:fjschamber@comcast.net) ) so we know which Weekends are trying this, the extra cost involved for the Weekend, and eventually whether it is felt that this did indeed help the couple get motivated and finish that set of talks. This will give us a way to track whether this is a helpful activity. Also, please see that writing couples get samples of talks if they wish.

- **NAR EMAIL PRAYER CHAIN**

The loving task of handling the prayer chain is in the process of being transferred from Kirk & Fran Clapper to Gary & Mary Ann Harms, former clergy presenters residing in San Marcos, CA. To add your name to the list of pray-ers who will receive emails regarding people in need of prayers, or to request prayers for someone, please email the Harms at: [gamahmepas@aol.com](mailto:gamahmepas@aol.com).

- **"SWITCH"**

Cindy Amack gave a presentation on formats for addressing organizational change based on the book Switch—How to Change Things When Change is Hard by Chip and Dan Heath. We worked with a model to, after brainstorming, evaluate each idea looking at how valuable the results might be vs. the difficulty involved in implementing them to decide which actions to take and in what order.

- **LAY PRESENTERS IN TRANSITION TO CLERGY PRESENTERS**

It was clarified that a presenter who has completed his/her seminary training and is serving in ministry may present his/her lay talks during those first 3 years of ministry. It is expected that they will serve 3 years in the ministry before presenting as clergy, and we want to keep them involved during this transition time.

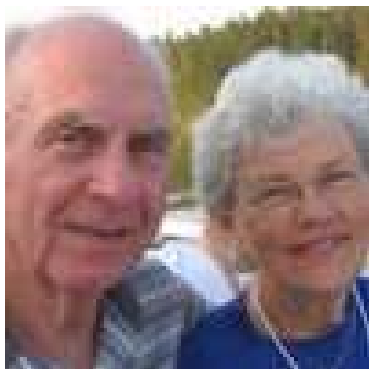
- **LAY MINISTERS SERVING AS CLERGY ON WEEKENDS**

There has been increasing concern regarding clergy shortage as a few Weekends have been cancelled due to lack of clergy. The Board directed the NAR Execs to take to the Interfaith meeting the question as to whether "lay ministers" according to the accepted practices of their church body might be allowed to write and be called upon to

present clergy if no regular clergy is available rather than cancel a Weekend. It was affirmed that that we first would seek the ideal: a clergy presenter who could serve communion on the Weekend. It was also noted that we have several retired clergy, so this may not be necessary at the present time; however, it was felt that it is best to think proactively rather than wait until there is a crisis.

- **SUPPLIES** - A reminder that our supply couple, Dean & Katie Senne again have traveled south—this year for the 3 months of January, February, and March, so no orders will be able to be filled during that time. Contact them at: [kddesigner@charter.net](mailto:kddesigner@charter.net) after that time.
- **WEEKEND LOCATION INFORMATION** - A reminder to be sure you have deleted <http://216.170.58.5/interfaith/interfaith.htm> formerly listing Weekends of all faiths from any hand-out materials. This website is no longer being maintained. To find Lutheran Weekends, go to [www.GodLovesMarriage.org](http://www.GodLovesMarriage.org). The Catholic website: [www.wwme.org](http://www.wwme.org). will give you the Catholic Weekends plus links to other faith expression Weekends.
- **HELPS FOR CIRCLES, PUBLICITY, & PRAYER VIGIL** - Go to: <http://elf.wwme.org> to see the Encounter Leadership Files site maintained by the Catholic faith expression for lots of helps with love circle presentations, publicity, etc. The Lutheran ID is: lutheran and the password is luther - no capital letters in either. We expect that the 2012 International Prayer Vigils will be posted here in various time zone formats. Look for it also on the [www.ilme.org](http://www.ilme.org) website.

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It is with heavy hearts that we report that Ann Hillman has joined the Lord and her husband, Russ, at the age of 76. Ann passed away on December 20 from complications following knee surgery. Russ and Ann recently served a term as North American Region Execs for Lutheran Marriage Encounter. Please keep their 4 children and their families in prayer.



## HAVE YOU REGISTERED FOR THE INTERNATIONAL LUTHERAN MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER FAMILY REUNION?



Reunion Coordinators Roger & Chris Williams and Dan & Charlotte Ricks came to the NAR meeting and gave a great "pep talk" regarding the wonderful events planned for the **July 6-8, 2012** International Lutheran Marriage Encounter Family Reunion to be held in the comfort of the 300-room air-conditioned hotel:

### **The Doubletree Hotel Dallas-Campbell Centre**

8250 N. Central Expressway, Dallas, Texas 75206-1888

Tel: 1-214-691-8700 Website:

[www.doubletreedallascampbellcentre.com](http://www.doubletreedallascampbellcentre.com)

The event begins with an optional fun 4<sup>th</sup> of July party on Saturday night for those who are already there on the top floor of the hotel with a gorgeous view and hopefully fireworks displays. The reunion officially begins with an optional barbeque Friday evening, July 6. Featured speakers for the reunion will be Steve & Anne Chapman (see at: [www.steveandanniechapman.com](http://www.steveandanniechapman.com)) who are marriage seminar presenters with 25 years of experience ministering through music.



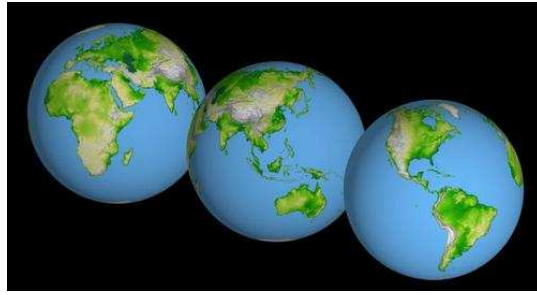
**Go to the website [www.ilme2012.me](http://www.ilme2012.me) to register now for this great event!** The cost is \$395/couple which includes hotel room for Fri. & Sat. nights, three meals Saturday, 2 meals Sunday, and reunion fees.

**Don't forget: If you haven't already done so, the reunion committee is requesting the following:**

- \* items for the silent auction—bring or send ahead
- \* items for the Marriage Resources venue--current & best practices, marriage ministry information for those who do marriage ministry outside of ILME -best practices, ideas for care packets, inviting events, etc.
- \* an electronic banner from each District
- \* 5-10 digital photos of the District in action
- \* an electronic banner from each Area
- \* 5-10 photos of your Area couples in action -- community events, etc. that can be part of a video presentation
- \* Electronic banners and photos are to be in .jpg or .pdf format and at least 300 dpi and need to be sent to Roger & Christine Williams [lmedfw@gmail.com](mailto:lmedfw@gmail.com) They now would like to receive these all by March 1.

If you have not already done so, please send any email lists of couples that you have (newsletter couples, boards, love circles, etc.) to [lmedfw@gmail.com](mailto:lmedfw@gmail.com) to be added to the e-newsletter list so couples can be informed about the reunion. Also have your district finance couple forward all lists of newly encountered couples so they can be sent a special invite.

For any questions about the reunion, contact Roger & Christine Williams at 972-530-1218 or email: [lmedfw@gmail.com](mailto:lmedfw@gmail.com).



**DON'T FORGET TO CHECK THE ILME (INTERNATIONAL LUTHERAN MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER) WEBSITE FOR ALL THINGS MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER.**

**For writers:** Note that all outlines are now also posted in .doc format so you can use them as a basis for your writing, **and the new outline, templates, and directions for the Friday night combined talk are also posted there. (Follow the directions below, and then click on outlines.)** For all your information needed such as: current workbook, replacement pages, rosters of NAR Leadership Couples, District Leadership Couples, Presenters, Admin documents, Deeper and Kick-off materials, Presenter Hotlines, etc., simply go to: [www.ilme.org](http://www.ilme.org). Click on: "Resources for Couples who have been on a Marriage Encounter;" then click on "Presenting Couples," and enter the password: "LME/pc."

