

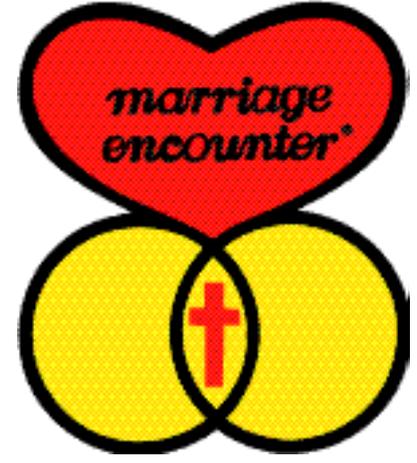
**Registration Form:** Use the form to register for a Weekend. Include the registration fee of \_\_\_\_\_ to hold your room for the Weekend. Make checks payable to Marriage Encounter United Methodist. Return the form to the address provided on the back panel.  
Please print.

**Names:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Religion/Denomination:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Church:** \_\_\_\_\_  
Hers: \_\_\_\_\_  
His: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ e-mail: \_\_\_\_\_  
Wedding Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Referred by: \_\_\_\_\_  
Preferred Encounter Dates: \_\_\_\_\_  
We need: \_\_\_\_\_ Non-smoking room \_\_\_\_\_ Dietary Needs \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ Smoking room \_\_\_\_\_ Medical Needs \_\_\_\_\_  
Have you participated in a previous Marriage Encounter? \_\_\_\_\_ If so, when and where? \_\_\_\_\_



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■ *Marriage Encounter* is the largest marriage enhancement program in the world. Weekends are presented in 91 countries and by 12 Christian denominations. Each faith uses the same basic material with slight adjustments to fit their traditions and understanding of Christianity. More than two million couples have participated.

■ *Marriage Encounter* is designed for a man and woman who are married. The weekend is for couples of all ages, stages and faiths who sincerely want to grow and live out vows made on their wedding day. Any couple who love each other and want their marriage to be the best possible can find new meaning and deeper joys through what is offered. Even the best marriages can benefit.



■ *Marriage Encounter* is unique when compared with other programs in that the weekend is a very positive and private experience. You are not required to share with anyone but your spouse.

■ *Marriage Encounter* helps you examine where you are in your relationship with each other, think about where you want to be and plan how to get there. This process encourages you to identify weak and strong points of your relationship and understand where you are in your thoughts about marriage. Couples often make meaningful discoveries about each other and the possibilities for their future together. All this is accomplished in a positive and private atmosphere.

■ *Marriage Encounter* is a weekend away from home and family responsibilities where couples have unique opportunities to continue the journey begun on their wedding day. This is accomplished through a series of presentations that guide you on a discovery process of new and positive ways of looking at your marriage. You also learn and practice a special communication skill called dialogue.

■ *Marriage Encounter* weekends are carefully structured to present significant ideas about marriage and effective communication in an interesting and understandable manner.

■ *Presenters* are dedicated couples who are certified to present special communication techniques and scripture-based ideas about marriage and witness about their own marriages in light of those ideas. They are not marriage counselors. A lay couple and a clergy couple lead each session. These couples enhance the information with examples to illustrate how techniques might apply to your own personal relationship.



■ *Each Presentation* lasts about an hour and is designed to encourage you to be aware of your own feelings about various aspects of marriage. This is accomplished through using dialogue communication techniques to help you express your feelings. Presentations include questions designed to focus your thoughts and feelings.



■ *After each session*, you and your spouse will be asked to reflect on the presentation and share with each other in private. These talks with your spouse are conducted away from the group area.

■ *The Encounter weekend* usually begins Friday evening and concludes about 4 p.m. Sunday. It is important that couples stay until the conclusion on Sunday. When you register for the weekend, a room is reserved for you. Plan to eat prior to arrival on Friday; meals for Saturday and Sunday are provided.

■ *A nonrefundable registration fee* is required to reserve your space for the Weekend. You will also be given the opportunity to make a contribution to help cover Weekend expenses. These include your meals, room and administrative expenses. Marriage Encounter is a not-for-profit organization that is entirely self-supporting. We ask couples to give what they can, but we do not want them to miss the Weekend because of finances.

■ *The Weekend* is not marriage counseling of any kind. It is not structured to be a problem-solving weekend, nor do couples disclose their problems to the group. Couples may end up solving some problems they uncover, but that is not the focus of the Weekend. If you are under the care of a psychiatrist, psychologist or mental health counselor, you may not want to attend at this time.