

Registration Form

Send form with a non-refundable \$ _____ deposit to:

*Make check payable to
Engaged Encounter United Methodist.*

His Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State: _____

Zip: _____ Phone: _____

Name for Name Badge: _____

Religion/Denomination: _____

Church: _____

E-mail Address: _____

Her Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State: _____

Zip: _____ Phone: _____

Name for Name Badge: _____

Religion/Denomination: _____

Church: _____

E-mail Address: _____

Weekend Date Desired: _____

Anticipated Wedding Date: _____

Clergy Name: _____

Clergy Phone: _____

Clergy Church: _____

Church Address: _____

Referred by: _____ Phone: _____

How Can the Weekend Help a Couple?

Couples discover they share common needs. Many couples experience similar apprehension as they approach marriage.

Couples find additional meaning for their marriage beyond what is presented in society and the media.

Couples learn to communicate intimately and to make decisions as a couple.

Couples have an opportunity to evaluate their future and decide on the course they will take.

What Does the Weekend Cost?

A non-refundable pre-registration fee must accompany your registration form. The remainder of the cost is due before the beginning of the weekend. Meals, lodging and the *Weekend Journal* are included in the cost.

Pre-registration fee is:

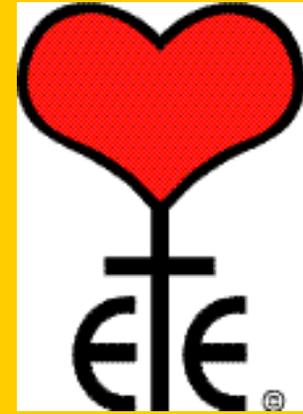
Total weekend cost
including preregistration is:

Other Considerations

Separate facilities are provided for men and women. Pack separately and bring casual clothing. Jeans, shorts, and tennis shoes are acceptable. A sweater or light jacket may be needed. There are no formal events requiring dress clothes.

For More Information Contact:

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Engaged Encounter

UNITED METHODIST



*A wedding is a day.
A marriage is a lifetime.*

What is Engaged Encounter?

Engaged Encounter is an experience designed to prepare you, both personally and as a couple, for marriage. The focus of the weekend is upon the marriage and not the wedding.

A major goal of the weekend is to establish and practice good communication and decision-making techniques. The skills taught on this weekend provide a firm foundation that will be useful throughout your lifetime together. In addition, couples are provided the opportunity to deepen their relationship and prepare themselves for one of the most important decisions they will ever make — the Covenant of Marriage.



What Happens on a Weekend?

A presenting team of two married lay couples joins a pastor and spouse to present living examples of married life on a day-to-day basis. A wide variety of subjects related to living together as a couple are presented in order to give attending couples great latitude in exploring areas that are important to them.

After each presentation, couples have a private opportunity to personalize, reflect and share their ideas, feelings, attitudes, hopes and dreams regarding the subject. The weekend unfolds differently for each couple since each person brings a different perspective on a topic to their relationship.

Who Should Attend?

The weekend is for couples who are interested in giving their marriage the best possible start. Couples of all ages attend weekends. Engaged couples and couples married less than one year are welcome. Divorced or widowed persons planning to marry will also find the weekend a rewarding experience.

What is the Nature of the Weekend Experience?

This is a couple-oriented experience. There are no group dynamic activities or intensive soul searching. Neither is the weekend a Bible study, lecture series, or social weekend. This private and quiet weekend provides each couple with an atmosphere to concentrate on one another. Couples attending a weekend work at deepening their own awareness of each other and the importance of God in their marriage.

Do Couples Have to be United Methodist?

No. Couples from all faith expressions and those who have no formal church affiliation are invited. The weekend is designed to be meaningful, non-threatening, and relatable to your own faith journey. Engaged Encounter United Methodist follows the theology and traditions of the United Methodist Church. The presenting couples are United Methodists.

Our Web Address & Telephone:

www.encounter.org
1-866-633-3862



What Do People Say about the Engaged Encounter Weekend?

Dr. James Dobson, author of *Love for a Lifetime*, writes: "In addition to pre-marital counseling, [Engaged Encounter is] another wonderful way to eliminate the unpleasant surprises of early married life. . . . I strongly recommend Engaged Encounter to every couple planning a wedding."



Mr. Michael J. McManus, author of the book, *Marriage Savers*, and syndicated columnist to 100 newspapers, writes: "Engaged Encounter is the best marriage preparation program in communication for engaged couples of any denomination in the United States."

Comments from couples who have attended:

"It seemed like it was just 'our' weekend. I found a new friend for life — my fiancé."

"It has been three years, but when I hear Engaged Encounter I get a warm feeling, a smile and I recall it as the real beginning of our relationship."

"I felt apprehensive, but in just two days we learned more about ourselves than in the two years of dating. I felt confident."

"We almost didn't go. I really believe if we had not attended, we would have missed the greatest growth experience of our life."

"We were able to uncover our thoughts and expectations about our marriage. It brought us closer together than we had ever been."