

Dear Marriage Encounter/ Engaged Encounter United Methodist Community,

Happy 40th Anniversary to Marriage Encounter United Methodist !

Forty years ago, Marriage Encounter United Methodist began having Weekends. Many of you may recognize the names Walter & EunaVaye Brant and Ron & Carol Wheatley. It is possible they presented your Weekend. Those couples had a dream to reach out and make a difference in the world. It has enabled all of us to touch families, churches, and communities. On your Weekend, just like all of the other couples who attended, you heard the call to change the world one couple at a time. Worldwide Marriage Encounter has encountered over one million couples: of that, the United Methodist Expression has encountered thousands of couples.

Words aren't enough to thank you for making it possible to live that dream. The reality is there are still many couples in this world to Encounter. We need your help if the dream is to continue.

A special fund raising campaign has been established to honor our 40th anniversary.

The National Board has set a goal to raise \$40,000 this year in honor of our anniversary fund. We are asking you to join us in making this goal a reality. If you go to our website encounter.org, you will see a donate button on the home page. This button will take you directly to our special 40th Anniversary Outreach donation site.

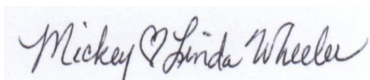
If you prefer to donate by check, please put "40th Anniversary Outreach" on the memo line. Checks can be made out to Covenant, Inc. and mailed to:

Tim & Jo Victor
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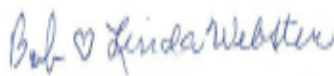
We are not raising money just to be raising money. The National Board has begun some very special projects. One of the major projects is the development of a DVD that could be used by a single presenting couple facilitating the weekend presentations in an alternative format called the 3RE - Restore, Rekindle, Renew Enrichment. These are the regular Weekend presentations given over series of days or weeks. Typically, it would be presented one night a week for a period of seven weeks. The couples are sent home with homework (dialogue questions) after each session. After seven weeks, not only do you have couples that have heard the Marriage Encounter concepts, but couples have had time to practice the concepts and incorporate them into their lives.

We ask you to consider making a donation in \$40 increments. It could be \$40, \$80, \$400, or \$4000. We will leave that up to you, however remember there are many options. You could even set a monthly donation (like \$40.00) charged to your credit card for the entire year.

We appreciate you as a couple, your continual dedication, your futuristic vision, and your prayerful consideration of this special fund raising campaign.



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