

TESTIMONIES

"We feel strongly that this weekend course has the potential to make a great impact on those willing to invest the time and energy in their marriages. We have experienced success in applying what we've learned since attending, and we hope you'll take the leap of faith to see what God has in store for you."

Paul & Caryn, MA

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"After attending a Marriage Encounter many years ago we realized that it would be a part of our lives forever. As the weekend unfolded we couldn't believe how simple, sound, and yet sensational the whole process was. We recommend that anyone who is considering this special weekend...GO FOR IT!"

Phil & Jan, Vineyard National Directors

"We made more strides in our relationship this past weekend than we had in months of counseling!! We will take the tools we now have and apply them to our marriage daily. Also, we have made the commitment to each other and to God to continue to have open hearts and allow Him to work in us, in our home, and in our hearts."

Stephanie & Russ, Maine

"We went into the whole experience knowing that it would be a positive thing, but had no idea how much it would impact our marriage."

- Gary & Lissa, Maine

"We can't stop telling others about Marriage Encounter! We will be married 20 years this fall and wish we would have made a weekend sooner because we know we could have avoided some of the resentments that grew because of miscommunication. It was awesome!"

Bob & Vicki, Maine

"We had trouble communicating for 24 years. Marriage Encounter opened our eyes and our hearts to a better understanding of each other, and encouraged a more loving relationship as husband and wife."

Fred & Rosanna, Maine

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What is a Vineyard Marriage Encounter?

Marriage Encounter is a weekend away from home, family, and responsibilities. Here, in a comfortable, secluded environment, a married man and woman are guided through the discovery of a new way of communicating that will help them to know each other better. The Encounter is designed to give couples an opportunity to examine their lives together and develop useful tools to enhance their communication.

Many couples are faced with challenges in everyday routines that take away from focusing on their marital relationships and its health. Marriage is a very significant and intimate relationship and deserves our attention.

The Marriage Encounter journey began in Spain in 1952 as a tool to enable married couples to enrich the quality of their lives. In fact, the name Marriage Encounter is a direct translation from Spanish, where the words take on the beautiful connotation of discovering, or finding one another. In 1966, Marriage Encounter came to America. Today, there are over a million couples who have attended Marriage Encounter weekends.



Marriage Encounter Is Not..

...a retreat, marriage clinic or a sensitivity group, nor is it a problem-solving workshop. Couples do not disclose their problems to the group or team couples for discussion or criticism.



Who Puts In On?

Each Marriage Encounter weekend is conducted by three or four team couples, including a Vineyard Pastoral Couple, who are trained to present the weekend.



How Much Does a Weekend Cost?

A non-refundable, non-transferable registration fee of \$75 is required to ensure a reservation. At the close of the weekend, you will be given the opportunity to make an anonymous donation, sharing in the cost and support of Marriage Encounter. However, no one is ever refused the opportunity to attend a Marriage Encounter weekend because of lack of funds. Your meal and lodging accommodations have all been arranged for by the team so there is no need to contact the hotel.



What Happens During a Weekend?

Sessions begin at 7pm on Friday evening and run through 4pm on Sunday afternoon. At each session a husband and wife team and a Vineyard Pastoral couple give an informal talk on various aspects of marriage. Time is set aside following each presentation for couples to discuss privately, away from the group, their relationship as it relates to the topic presented. The weekend is structured, orderly and informative. Couples will spend the entire time at the hotel, allowing them to concentrate on each other, free from outside distractions.

"It's our journeys; it's our stories. It's about opening up & going deep."

Who is Marriage Encounter For?

Since every marriage is under attack and can be improved, even the best marriages can find new meaning and deepened joy throughout the weekend. Couples married for only a few years as well as those couples who have been married for 40 years can find enjoyment for Marriage Encounter weekends. It is a journey you will love to take...discovering new things along the path of your lives together. A Vineyard Marriage Encounter weekend is available to couples who have been married before. Since this is a weekend to concentrate on each other, no children, including nursing infants are permitted.