General Information for ‘Marriage Matters’

Conference Objectives
• Discover the core issues in personalities and relationships
• Develop practical communication skills
• Learn conflict resolution processes and skills
• Understand the origins of depression
• Identify strategies to control anger
• Define and deepen genuine love
• Learn to forgive yourself and others

Design and Format
• Not just for the married, this conference provides biblical and psychological insight for individuals in all stages of life.
• Every session is designed to help individuals and/or equip attendees to help others in various situations.
• The Sunday morning Bible classes for all teens and adults are key to the success of the conference. Please encourage all to attend.
• Provision for childcare is helpful. Some congregations elect to also supervise ‘study halls’ for older children.
• Six to eight free and confidential counseling sessions will be arranged on a ‘first come, first serve’ basis. Lynn will arrange these sessions.

Church and Community Preparation
• Pray for us and everyone who will attend
• Personally urge all members to attend.* This encouragement seems most effective when provided by the eldership. The biblical and psychological principles presented in each session reach far beyond marriage.
• Personally invite past visitors.*
• Urge members to personally invite neighbors and friends.*
• Place brochures or flyers in public places.
• Show the promotional video and hand out the session summaries at least two consecutive weeks before the seminar begins.
• Print the seminar schedule in the bulletin the Sunday the seminar begins.
• Make every effort to have a record attendance at the Bible class hour on Sunday morning.
• Have ushers in place at least 15 minutes before each session begins to welcome attendees and hand out outlines.
• Provide childcare for each session.
• Prepare a follow-up plan for visitors so they will be personally contacted within one week following the seminar.

Equipment
• All of the sessions except for the Sunday morning Bible classes are supported by Power Point.
• Two tables will be needed. One will serve as the media table in the foyer. All the sessions are co-taught except the Sunday morning Bible classes and Jerry’s Sunday a.m. and p.m. sermons. For the joint presentations we will need another table on the platform with a floor length tablecloth and two chairs. Both of us will need a wireless microphone.
Personal Needs

- We will need a king (non-smoking) motel room with provisions in the motel for counseling sessions. We do not hold counseling sessions in our living quarters but often the motel ‘breakfast area’ is suitable.
- Meals are not scheduled because of the counseling sessions

*We have found that advertisement is helpful but nothing takes the place of personal invitation.

Thank you for your assistance in these areas.
May God be glorified!