

Marriage Investors Covenant

This covenant expresses the common concerns of the faith community and counseling providers regarding the need to strengthen marriages.

I believe:

- The marriage bond of husband and wife is to last a lifetime.
- As faith-based and community leaders we have a responsibility to participate in and to provide premarital preparation to improve the understanding and mutual commitment of those couples being married.
- As faith-based and community leaders we have a responsibility to provide ongoing support to strengthen and nourish existing marriages.

Therefore, I will:

- Provide a pre-marital process that:
 - Encourages an adequate time length of courtship.
 - Promotes pre-marital sexual abstinence.
 - Offers training on how to deal with:
 - Conflict Resolution/Problem Solving/Effective Communication
 - Finances
 - Parenting
 - Religion
 - Monogamy
 - Extended Family/Blended Families
- Provide marriage enrichment opportunities that:
 - Affirm fidelity in marital relationships.
 - Make available and provide intervention services for stressed marriages.
 - Teach skills and marital growth, including how to deal with:
 - Conflict Resolution/Problem Solving/Effective Communication
 - Finances
 - Religion
 - Parenting
 - Monogamy
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Provide a marriage mentoring process – Enlisting mature married couples, equipping them to guide and assist those who are newly married or having difficulty in their married relationship. Mentors will provide help for:

- Those who are engaged.
- Newlyweds.
- Married couples experiencing marital difficulties.
- Married couples seeking marriage enrichment.

Collaborate with others – to share family resources for the purpose of helping all marriages succeed through ongoing cooperation with other congregations and organizations in the community in order to strengthen marriages.

I understand, as a signatory, I will have access to the following:

- Education, programs, and services available to couples, congregations, and caregivers that include information, resources, training, and technical assistance.

Signed by _____ Printed Name _____
Representing _____ Address _____
Phone _____ Email _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Date _____