

WHY YOUR CHURCH NEEDS A MARRIAGE RETREAT

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Before the Retreat

Pastors must negotiate:

- ▶ Hotel rooms
- ▶ Meals
- ▶ All administrative expenses to establish the cost to the couples for the retreat

Hotel Reservations

- ▶ Register at a hotel away from the church and the city everyone lives
- ▶ Register for a two day seminar, with an overnight stay Friday night
- ▶ Request separate breakout rooms (husbands and wives) per the time schedule in the program
- ▶ Reserve a classroom style seating separate from the breakfast, lunch & dinner room

Prior to the Retreat

- ▶ Call for a fast
- ▶ Review all Bible verses on marriages and family references
- ▶ All presentations should be via PowerPoint including agenda and schedule already in the three ring notebook portfolio with all the appropriate biblical scriptures

Friday Night

- ▶ Start hotel and retreat registration
- ▶ First initial class starts at time 4:00 or 5:00p.m.
- ▶ Give a status of the meeting and the agenda and prepare them for the retreat during dinner
- ▶ During all meals a presentation will be conducted by strong season married couples

Friday Night Service

- ▶ Friday night service will be conducted at the hotel for married couples only (No children and no babies)
- ▶ Friday night messages will be on marriage in accordance to the Bible

Saturday

- ▶ Pastor is the primary teacher and will give recaps of what transpired from a scriptural perspective
- ▶ Pastor will conduct classes with the women and the first lady will conduct classes with the men

Survey Forms

- ▶ Request participants to fill out an evaluation and survey form. This form is to be anonymous. Each individual shall write their questions, problems or concerns. The pastor and first lady will reviewed and tabulate the written responses.
- ▶ After they consolidate and reformat the responses the pastor and first lady will present them anonymously to the couples for discussion. The pastor shall give final instructions to the married couples. This session is the final presentation.

Renewing of Vows

- ▶ Pastor to officiate marriage vow renewal
- ▶ Church of God in Christ manual: Renewing of marriage VOWS
- ▶ Officiate Holy Communion
- ▶ Certificates of renewed marriage vows with church embossed gold seal

Other Considerations

- ▶ Have a photographer on site
- ▶ Caterer a prepared wedding cake: Each couple will have their individual pictures taken with the wedding cake
- ▶ Have single adults be your helpers and workers so that they can listen to the retreat

Saturday - Conclusion

- ▶ After handing out the certificates this will conclude the marriage retreat (around 4:00 p.m.)

Questions

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