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Dear Wedding Praxis Participant,

We are looking forward to our time together for the praxis course, "Wedding Ministry Praxis: Pre-Marital Counseling and Weddings IST 2107.

This memo concerns important information about how to receive the required Prepare/Enrich course materials. Note: The materials and certification fee is \$75 (Due date December 12).

### **Course Schedule**

The course will meet on-line January 5-March 13, 2015, with the majority on online requirements completed by February 13.

The course will meet on-campus February 13-14, 2015. Friday afternoon, 1:00-4:30p.m. and Saturday from 9:00 a.m. – 4:30p.m.

### **Description of Praxis**

A praxis course is designed to provide experiential education in the practices of ministry that Iliff students are likely to engage in their professional lives. Students engage with the integration of theology, theory and practice in a specific area of ministry. In this case, the ministry is weddings and premarital counseling and we hope to engage actual practices of ministry involved in accompanying persons making plans for marriage, such as meeting/engaging the couple, premarital counseling and coaching; facilitating family relationships, planning and conducting wedding ceremonies; while honoring the ritual(s) of your tradition, theology and values.

### **Prepare/Enrich Premarital Counseling Certification Program**

Prepare/Enrich is a customized couple assessment that identifies a couple's strength and growth areas. It is one of the most widely used programs by clergy and counselors for premarital counseling and premarital education for couples. The couples' results are summarized in a comprehensive computer report, showing the strength and growth areas.

Facilitators administer the assessment and provide feedback to couples using a variety of couple exercises. There is an online secured website with Prepare/Enrich where the facilitator administers the couple assessment, has access to the training, videos, handbooks, and many other resources. To learn more, go to the Prepare/Enrich website <https://www.prepare-enrich.com>

### **The Prepare/Enrich certification includes the following:**

- Access to administer the online assessment to an unlimited number of couples
- Twelve Sections of Tutorials
- Training Manual
- Facilitator's Manual
- Couple's Workbook and couple exercises
- Reference guides
- Multiple videos and tutorials and additional resources for facilitators
- Customer Service from Prepare/Enrich
- Facilitator's Manual
- Sample Facilitator's Report
- Sample Couple's Report
- Certificate of Completion

### **Students will learn how to:**

- Provide useful feedback to couples and guide couples' exercises
- Teach proven relationship skills to couples
- Interpret couples' reports
- Work more effectively with couples that are preparing for marriage
- Learn how to guide couples to: Explore strength and growth areas, Strengthen communication skills, Identify and manage major stressors, Resolve conflict using the Ten Step Model, Explore family of origin issues, Discuss financial planning and budgeting, Establish personal, couple and family goals, Understand and appreciate personality difference

### **Registering for Prepare/Enrich**

Premarital counseling is a significant aspect of the course and all students enrolled in the praxis must have access to the Prepare/Enrich premarital counseling materials.

Generally the fee to be certified with Prepare/Enrich is \$225/student. However, since the certification is being taught at Iliff, students are receiving a reduced fee of \$75/student.

### **Important!**

Registering for Prepare/ Enrich is not optional to participate in the wedding praxis. Regardless of whether or not students choose to use this program in their ministries, all students must have access to the Prepare/Enrich materials to participate in the Praxis. If students do not register for Prepare/Enrich, they will need to drop the course. **The due date to register/submit fee is December 12, 2014.**

## Procedures

Students register with an online registration form and payment of \$75.

Prepare/Enrich does not accept individual registrations and payments for students participating in this course. Therefore, the Seminar Director receives the registration forms and submits the payment for all of the participants.

Rev. Vince Tango is an authorized Seminar Director of Prepare/Enrich and will collect the registrations/ fees through *Vince Tango Weddings*. (The fee of \$75/per student will be submitted to Prepare/Enrich).

## Procedures

1. Register for Prepare/Enrich through the online form

[Click here for the registration form.](#)

2. Submit payment of \$75 by check or credit card.

- **Checks** are payable to “Vince Tango” and may be submitted in-person to Vince Tango’s office at the Iliff School of Theology.
- **Credit card** payments are made through a secured online server. Click on the link to pay by credit card. <https://squareup.com/market/vince-tango-weddings/ministry-praxis-ist-iliff-students>

3. Students will receive access to the materials before January 5.\*

\* If you miss the deadline of December. 12, your materials will be delayed and you will not receive them in time before the winter quarter starts.

We are very much looking forward to our time together.

Best wishes,

Val Jackson and Vince Tango