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Sermon on the Amount

This newsletter could be entitled "*Sermon on the Amount*". For those of you who have attended the national conference, Father Bob routinely asks for a financial contribution to National Marriage Encounter.



Announcing the fundraising drive only at the conference has limited the gifting to conference attendees, who have responded well over the years. This newsletter opens the national donation "window" now and invites all of you to consider making a donation to the extent that you wish and are able to do so.

How Can You Help

As you know this is a volunteer-run organization that gets no financial support from anyone or any other organization except YOU.

Many NME leaders at all levels pay a good portion of their actual expenses, because this is truly a grassroots, volunteer organization.

Donations, large or small, will help keep it that way and open more Marriage Encounter opportunities across the country.



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Check out the donation opportunities later in this newsletter.

Remember, it takes "*all hands*" to support NME.

Fundraising Goal

The fundraising goal this year is \$20,000, and the 15 members of the National ME Board (have) personally promised \$5,000.00 when your gifts reach \$15,000.00.

Please take a moment to consider how your contribution can help us reach this year's fundraising goal of \$20,000 for YOUR National Marriage Encounter.

Use this opportunity to contribute to either the General Operating Budget or the Endowment Fund of NME.



What Does NME Do With Your Money

- Newly formatted newsletters for all encountered couples and leaders,
- Expanded email distribution process,
- New Public Service Announcements (PSAs) for affiliate use,
- A newly designed Brochure for Professionals,
- Online donation options,
- [Website](#) with an option for local affiliate pages,
- Resource materials, including a soon-to-be-released DVD video



As you consider your gift to National Marriage Encounter, be mindful of this concept from Gary Chapman:

"It is more blessed to give than to receive." Recall a gift that gave you considerable satisfaction in presenting it." - #39. Love Talks for Couples: 101 Questions to Stimulate Interaction with Your Spouse [calendar], by Gary Chapman and Ramon Presson. Chicago: Northfield Publishing.



Prayer Network

To submit your name to be on the list to pray, or to make a prayer request, send an email to: Mike and Gene Vander Heyden mikengene@gmail.com. Put Prayer Network in the email subject line.

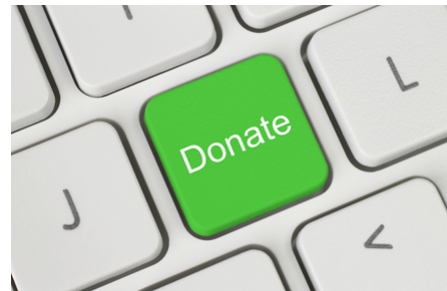
library of M.E. presentations

- Team training ideas and materials,
- Traveling teams for new weekends,
- Maintenance of the National ME office,
- Two annual meetings of the NME Board.

This list might not include everything and does not include some exciting new resources, so ask your trustees about expenses at your regional meetings or at the annual summer conferences. Those events give you opportunities to meet members of the NME Board of Trustees.

Three Donation Opportunities

1. Use the [Donate Button](#) on the national website. It's easy, it's quick, and it's secure.
2. Write a check made out to National Marriage Encounter and mail it to Kent and Jeannette Babcock, 3922 77th Street, Urbandale IA 50322
3. Designate NME as a recipient of AmazonSmile Foundation when you shop at Amazon. Check the [NME website for details](#).



Thank You!

Thank you to those individuals that have already contributed by sponsoring events, speakers, and programs at the Conference.

The conference committee and the National Board thank you for your support!

Hugs,
Mike and Joni Stallings
Father Bob Rhyner
NME Executive Team



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