

SAFEGUARDING



"What God has joined together, no human being must separate."

-Mark 10:9

CHILDREN, FAITH & COMMUNITY

The El Paso Story



MARRIAGE MENTOR MINISTRY
Transforming Congregation & Community
DEFENDING OUR FATHERS HOUSE



A TALE OF TWO CITIES

2010-11 Census Data

DETROIT VS. EL PASO

- Detroit poorest American city
- El Paso 3rd poorest metropolitan region
- POPULATION: Detroit vs. El Paso
713,000 665,000

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DETROIT

POOREST MAJOR CITY IN US*

* MOST DANGEROUS TOO



EL PASO

1996-2001

Faith Communities Collaborate

DIVORCE PLUNGES 79.5%

A DECADE LATER...

*PERCENT OF HOUSEHOLDS THAT ARE MARRIED?**

El Paso 54.6 % vs. Detroit 21.5%

***2010 CENSUS**

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EL PASO

A DECADE LATER...

SAFEST CITY IN THE US*

****4 Years: 2010-2013***



EL PASO

How Did They Do It?





EL PASO MIRACLE PLAN

UNITE AROUND THE 3 P's

PEOPLE

- GATHER THE CLERGY TOGETHER

PRAYER

- COMMUNITY-WIDE PRAYER MEETINGS

PROJECTS

- ANNUAL THEMES – MARRIAGE, MEDIA, PARENTS, ETC.

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METRO DETROIT MIRACLE PLAN

UNITE AROUND THE 3 P's

PEOPLE

➤ APRIL 7TH INTERFAITH LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

PRAYER

➤ METRO DETROIT PRAYER INITIATIVE

PROJECTS

➤ 4M PROJECT

⌘ MARRIAGE MENTOR MINISTRY MOVEMENT

⌘ COMMUNITY RESTORATION AGREEMENT

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Marriage Mentor Ministry

Breaking Bread Together

LOVE AND LIFE IN THE DIVINE PLAN



EL PASO STORY

SAFEST CITY IN THE US

2010-2013

El Paso clergy of all faiths agreed in 1995 to implement marriage mentor ministry within their individual congregations. Divorce plummeted 79.5% from 1996 – 2001 in their city.*

*Institute for Research
& Evaluation

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MARRIAGE MENTOR MINISTRY

MARRIAGE MENTOR COUPLES

- Experienced, vitalized, and faithful couples
- Mentors walk along side another couple as equals
- They listen, encourage, & witness as role models

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MARRIAGE MENTOR MINISTRY

MARRIAGE MENTOR COUPLES

Everyday people not experts or therapists

- Mentors help couples build a house on rock & offer help along the way
- They offer empathy and information
- Mentors inspire couples to explore fresh possibilities

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MARRIAGE MENTOR MINISTRY

BUILD A HOUSE ON ROCK

- Couples take a customized premarital inventory that helps mentors *prepare* them
- Mentors *enrich* couples with relationship-building events (*e.g. 10 Great Dates*)

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MARRIAGE MENTOR MINISTRY

OFFER HELP ALONG THE WAY

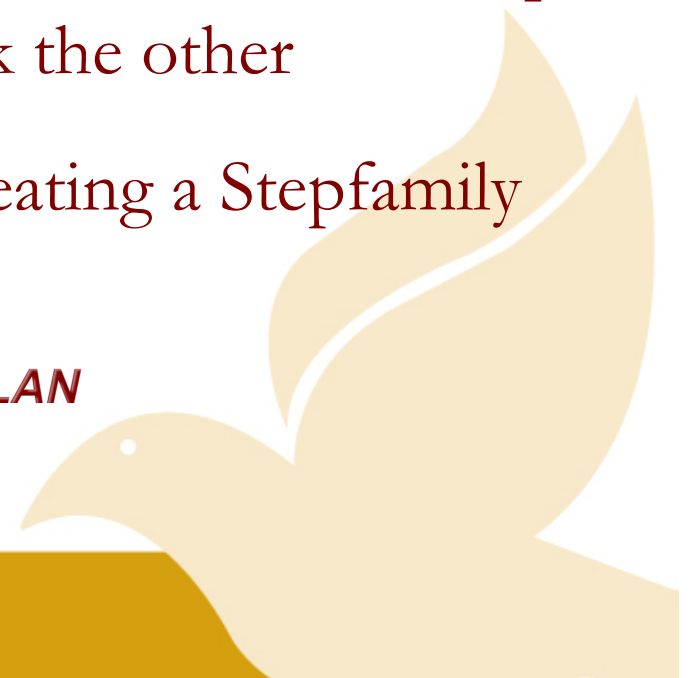
- Help *restore* marriages in crisis with trained mentors whose own marriages once nearly failed
- *Reconcile* separated couples with mentors who help one spouse attract and win back the other
- *Help Step-families* succeed by creating a Stepfamily Support Group

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FIVE MENTOR MINISTRIES

TRUE LOVE FOR MARRIED COUPLES

- ***Prepare*** engaged couples for marriage
- ***Enrich*** the married congregation
- ***Restore*** marriages in crisis
- ***Reconcile*** emotionally estranged & separated couples
- ***Help Step-families*** succeed by creating Stepfamily Support Groups

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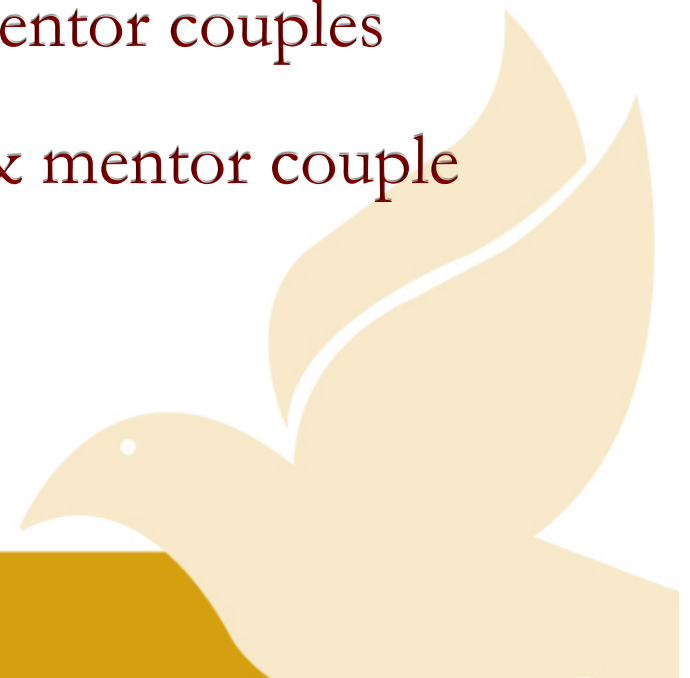




STARTING MENTOR MINISTRY

FIRST THINGS

- Present vision of mentoring & invite prospective married couples to meet at end of service
- Identify prospective leaders & mentor couples
- Schedule initial Prepare-Enrich & mentor couple training





STARTING MENTOR MINISTRY

WHO CAN BE A MENTOR COUPLE?

- Long-term married couples in vitalized marriages
- Couples that recovered from a struggling marriage
- Couples with divorce/annulment prior to healthy marriage

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STARTING MENTOR MINISTRY

TIMELINE

- Invite couples & identify leaders ~ 2-4 wks
- Prepare-Enrich training for mentors ~ 4-6 hrs
- Marriage Mentor training ~ 6-8 hrs
- Begin mentoring ~ 2 couples/yr (*minimum*)





"The two shall become one flesh."

-Genesis 2:24

The Majesty of Marriage