

Couple Consent Form for Marriage Mentoring

(To be completed prior to the start of the first mentoring session.)

We understand that we are voluntarily entering into a relationship with a marriage mentor couple in order to build our relational skills, learn from the experiences and insights of our mentors, and strengthen our relationship as a couple.

We recognize that our marriage mentors are *not* professionals, clinical social workers, marriage and family therapists, licensed counselors, or psychologists. Their contributions to the mentoring process are *not* based on professional training, but rather by valuable experience as a happily married couple. Marriage education is *not* therapy; it is *education*. It does not involve any diagnosis or “treatment,” and we acknowledge that our mentors do not give any marital, financial, or legal advice. **Couples being mentored are solely responsible for all decisions that they make as a result of the mentoring process.**

We understand that the results of our Couple Inventory and any information discussed during the mentoring process will be kept confidential by the marriage mentors with the following exceptions. We hereby authorize the marriage mentors to share the Prepare/Enrich Couple Assessment results and any other information divulged before or during our mentoring sessions with:

- a) members of the clergy,
- b) the marriage mentoring program supervisor, and
- c) any other parties as required by law. If and when our mentors perceived a threat or potential for physical or emotional harm to oneself or others, reporting will include:
 - Suspected child or elder abuse (e.g. physical or sexual) being reported to Protective Services or law enforcement officials.
 - Threat of harm to others or self (e.g. suicidal or homicidal statements) may be reported to family and/or appropriate mental health or law enforcement professionals.

We understand that at any time we may terminate the marriage mentoring process or request a new marriage mentor couple to be assigned to us if we are unhappy with how the process is going.

By signing below, I/We indicate that I/We have read, understand and agree with the information above in its entirety.

Signatures of Mentee Couple:

Partner 1: _____ Date: _____

Partner 2: _____ Date: _____

Signatures of Mentor Couple:

Mentor 1: _____ Date: _____

Mentor 2: _____ Date: _____