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Dear Friend



Welcome to the second edition of the One Accord e-newsletter.

In this edition:

- Time Out for Marriage for Youth Leaders
- The When2Pray Prayer Challenge
- The National Couple Support Network
- ... and more besides

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Time Out for Marriage for Youth Leaders



One Accord has been offering marriage enrichment courses as a gift to church leaders and missionaries for many years. In 2009 we launched a course specifically for youth leaders. This course is a gift to the couple as we recognise their importance as role models and the pressure that will be placed on them by a role that often has unsociable hours in the early years of marriage - perhaps when they have a young family as well.

Who qualifies? Any couple where one earns the majority of their income from employment as a youth leader.

Do you have a couple in your church that you could recommend this to? Take a look at

www.oneaccord.org.uk/timeoutforyouthleaders.php for more information.

The next available date is in April 2010 at a venue in West Sussex.

When2Pray Prayer Challenge

Do you think that praying together makes a difference to a couple's relationship?

We believe so. Help **When2Pray** to prove that prayer makes a difference.

The **When2Pray Prayer Challenge** runs during January and February of 2010. The introductory video can be viewed at www.when2pray.net where more information can also be found.

National Couple Support Network



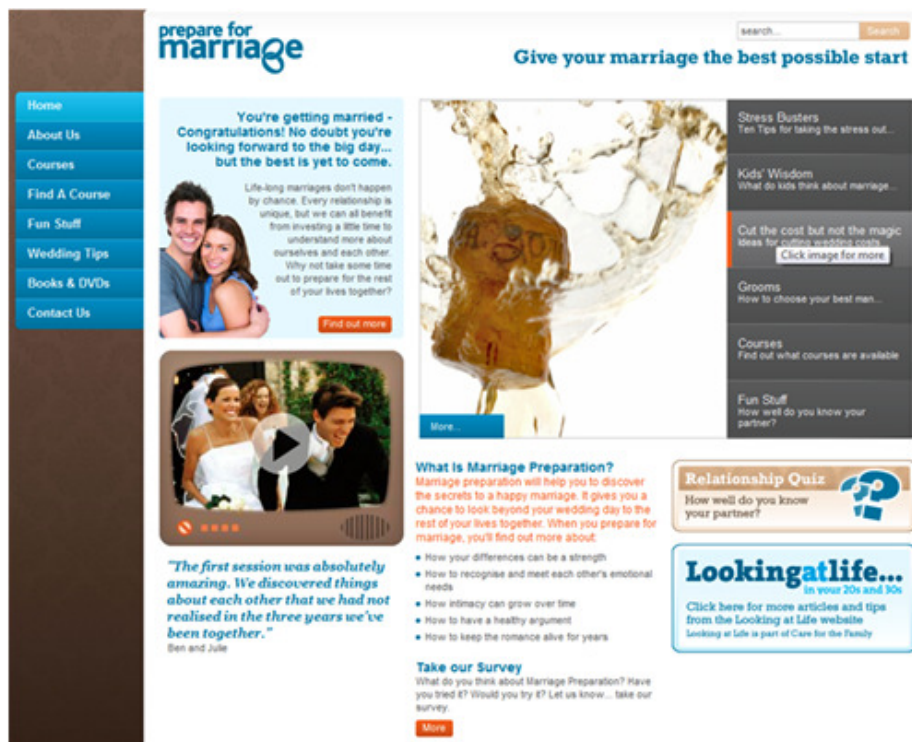
The National Couple Support Network (NCSN) is a partnership between Care for the Family and the Family Life Department of Holy Trinity Brompton. Its vision is for every couple getting married throughout the country to be offered marriage preparation. They hope to do this by appointing a co-ordinator in each of the 344 registration districts in England and Wales, as well as in Scotland and Northern Ireland. They currently have 58 co-ordinators.

Co-ordinators work with local churches enabling them to develop their marriage preparation work, encouraging church leaders, and training support couples. It is hoped that every couple getting married will:

- Attend a skills based course such as the **Marriage Preparation Course**.
- Carry out a questionnaire such as **Foccus**.
- Meet with a mentor couple.

The NCSN will also encourage registrars to get involved and to start signposting couples to marriage preparation courses as a matter of routine.

To assist in this work the NCSN has recently set up a website called Prepare for Marriage.



[Click here the to visit the website](#)

The website is designed for couples getting married. It has an array of resources and a *find a course* page that puts couples in touch with their local NCSN co-ordinator. Along with the website is a range of matching support material in the form of posters, leaflets and a DVD.

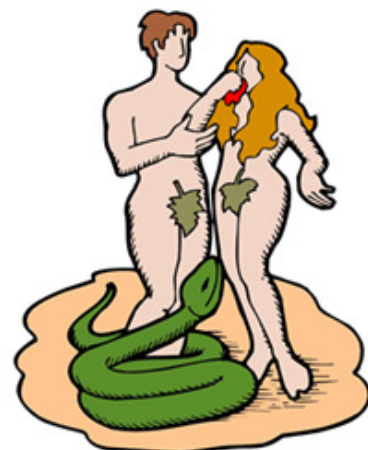
If you would like to know more about the work of the NCSN or would like to find out more about becoming a local co-ordinator or a support couple then contact Jo Shepherd at **Care for the Family** email info@ncsn.org.uk or telephone 029 2081 1733.

Sexual Intimacy is God's Idea

Now the serpent was more crafty than any beast of the field... — Genesis 3:1

Satan does everything he can to get a couple into bed before they're married and everything he can to keep them out after. — Author Unknown

National surveys have shown time and again the truth of this quotation that many married couples do not enjoy frequent, happy, sexual intercourse. Even couples in the DINKS (Double income no kids) category in their twenties and thirties, an optimum time you would think to give time and priority to love making, often report frequency of sexual intercourse of less than once a month.



Some Christian couples, not recognising perhaps the work of the enemy, have also made lovemaking a low priority in their marriage, allowing work, church or the children to crowd out time for each other.

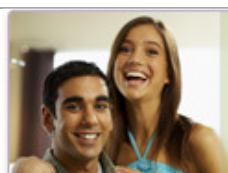
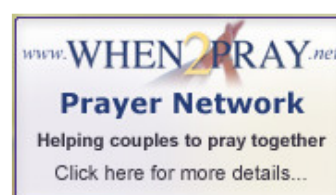
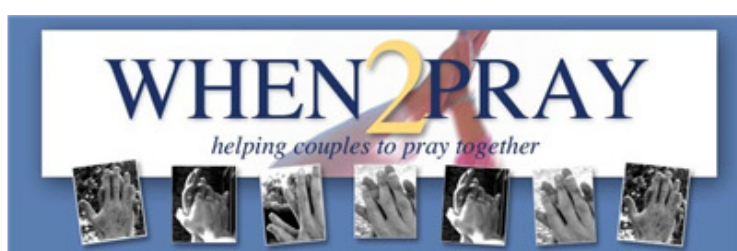
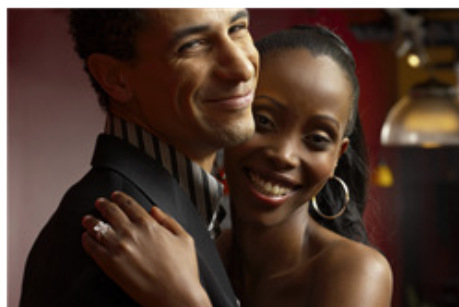
Sexual intimacy is God's idea... He created it. We give honour to it when we make time for each other, even through the early years of babies and the hectic growing years of our children. Any investment in our relationship that can increase understanding and appreciation of one another should be pursued enthusiastically... otherwise the crafty serpent wins again.

We Recommend: www.peasantprincess.com A video series of talks on The Song of Songs which covers the biblical perspective of sex and marriage.

Your story could be here!

It would be great to feature your stories in our newsletter. If you have a story to tell about the difference taking Time Out for Marriage made to your relationship, we'd love to hear from you.

Contact us at admin@oneaccord.org.uk



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Marriage Enrichment

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