

Pre-Marital Questionnaire

The purpose of this questionnaire is to assist pastors and couples in the pre-marital introductory interview; please answer the following questions prayerfully and honestly.

Please be prepared to review and discuss your responses at your premarital interview.

Personal Information

Name: _____ Email: _____

Phone: (Primary) _____ (Secondary) _____ (Type) _____

Address: _____

Gender: _____ Birth Date: _____ Age: _____

Fiancée: _____ Email: _____

Phone: (Primary) _____ (Secondary) _____ (Type) _____

Address: _____

Gender: _____ Birth Date: _____ Age: _____

Referred here by: _____ Phone: _____

Email: _____ How you know them: _____

Religious/Spiritual Information

Religious/Denominational Preference: _____

Church Name: _____ Church Phone: _____

Pastor: _____ Care Group/Small Group Leader: _____

What have been learning there? _____

Are you involved with any ministries/community service? _____

Do you believe in God? ___ Do you pray to Him? ___ How often? _____ What do you pray about? _____

Do you consider yourself a religious person? _____ Are you a Christian/Christ-follower? _____

Do you read the Bible? ___ How often? _____

Are you saved? Yes ___ No ___ Maybe ___ Not sure ___ Not sure what this means _____

Will you go to heaven when you die? ___ Why or why not? _____

How do you view the Bible? _____

Explain any recent changes in your religious/spiritual life: _____

Previous Marriage History (if applicable)

- A. Have you been previously married? _____ How many times? _____
- B. Give dates and duration of previous marriage(s): _____
Give name(s) of ex-spouse(s): _____
- C. Is the divorce final? _____ When? _____
- D. Do you have any children? _____ Ages: _____
- E. Explain custody and visitation arrangements: _____

- F. Why was the marriage terminated?

Dating History

- A. Have you ever been interviewed for marriage at New Direction Community Church before? _____ When? _____ By whom? _____
- B. Have you been engaged to anyone else before? ___ If so, what ended that engagement?

Engagement

- A. How long have you and your fiancée known each other? _____
- B. How long have you been dating each other? _____
- C. How long have you been engaged? _____
- D. Have you and your fiancée ever lived together? _____

Communication

- A. What subjects have you talked about? (Please check)

___ Communication	___ Finances	___ Sex	___ Housing
___ Expectations	___ Goals for life	___ Employment	___ Parents
___ Goals for self	___ Goals together	___ Children	___ Friends
___ Roles (responsibility)	___ Other: _____		
- B. Of the topics above, which have produced stress in your relationship?

- C. When you are alone together, what do you talk about the most?

- D. Who generally does most of the talking in that situation?

E. In what way do you communicate to your fiancée that you are angry?

F. When you do become bothered about something how do you respond? What is your behavior like?

G. Is there something about your fiancée's lifestyle or behavior that concerns you and /or creates a conflict? If yes, please comment:

H. What are the primary ways your fiancée expresses his/her love or affection?

I. How do you express your love or affection to your fiancée? _____

Sexual Intimacy

A. Do you know of any reason why you cannot have a normal sex life? _____

B. State any fears you have concerning sexual intimacy: _____

C. Is there any event in your past that might hinder your sexual relationship that should be discussed? _____

D. Have you talked about sex with your fiancée? _____

E. State areas where you feel you still have questions concerning sex: _____

F. State your views on pre-marital sexual relations: _____

G. Have you been or are you now sexually active in this relationship?

Views on Marriage

A. Why are you getting married? _____

B. What do you expect from your marriage? (please give short answers)

C. Do your parents know of your engagement? _____

D. Do your parents approve of your marriage? _____

E. Describe what you believe should be the husband's role in the marriage:

F. Describe what you believe should be the wife's role in the marriage:

Pre-Marital Counseling

Have you set a tentative date for getting married? _____ If yes, when? _____

After successful completion of pre-marital classes and counseling, a couple is then eligible to be married by a NDCC pastor. The classes and/or pre-marital counseling are for a minimum of eleven weeks (it is best to plan for longer). All wedding dates are tentative until successful completion of pre-marital class and counseling. New Direction Community Church will do its best to accommodate the date(s) you have selected.

Please read the above note and sign below to signify understanding.

Signed: _____ Date: _____

Consent to Counsel

Our Goal-Our goal in providing Christian counseling is to help you meet the challenges of life in a way that will please and honor the Lord Jesus Christ and allow you to enjoy fully His love and His plans for your life.

Biblical Basis-We believe that the Bible provides thorough guidance and instruction for life and faith. Therefore, any counsel given will be in line with Biblical principles. Neither the counselors nor the counselors-in-training are trained or licensed as psychotherapists or mental health professionals, nor should they be expected to follow the methods of such specialists.

Not Professional Advice-Some of our counselors may work in professional fields outside the institution. When serving as counselors within this institution, however, they do not provide the same kind of professional advice and services that they do when they are hired in their professional capacities. Therefore, if you have significant legal, financial, medical or other technical questions, you should seek advice from an independent professional. Our counselors will be happy to cooperate with such advisors and help you to consider their counsel in the light of relevant scriptural principles.

Confidentiality-Confidentiality is an important aspect of the counseling process, and we will carefully guard the information you entrust to us. There are some situations, however, when it could be necessary for us to share certain information with others: when a counselor is uncertain of how to address a particular problem and needs to seek advice from another pastor/counselor; when a counselee attends a church other than New Direction it may become necessary to talk with his or her pastor/elder; when there is a clear indication that someone may be harmed unless others intervene; or when a person persistently refuses to renounce a particular sin or harmful behavior and it becomes necessary to seek the assistance of others to help that person to change. Please be assured that our counselors strongly prefer not to disclose personal information to others, and they will make every effort to help you find ways to resolve a problem as privately as possible. If any information is shared, it will be in as discrete a way as possible with the understanding that said information will be kept as confidential as possible.

Resolution of Conflict-On rare occasions a conflict may develop between a counselor and a counselee. In order to make sure that any such conflicts will be resolved in a biblically faithful manner, we require all of our counsees to agree that any dispute that arises with a counselor or with this church as a result of counseling will be settled by mediation and, if necessary, legally binding arbitration in accordance with the Rules of Procedure for the Institute for Christian Conciliation; judgment upon an arbitration award may be entered in any court having jurisdiction.

Having clarified the principles and policies of our counseling ministry, we welcome the opportunity to minister to you in the name of Christ and to be used by Him as He helps you grow in spiritual maturity and prepares you for usefulness in His body. If you have any questions about these guidelines, please talk to one of the counselors. If these guidelines are acceptable to you, please sign below

Signed: _____ **Date:** _____