

Spring 2020 Edition

# Love Notes

Newsletter of Mennonite & Brethren Marriage Encounter

## SAVE THE DATE!! 2020

### Marriage Encounters

Oct. 30-Nov. 1  
Southern Ontario

November 6-8  
Christian Retreat Center  
East Waterford, PA

February 19-21, 2021  
Heritage Hotel  
Lancaster, PA

### Engaged Encounters

Held at Kenbrook Bible Camp,  
Lebanon, PA

May 15-17  
August 7-9  
September 18-20

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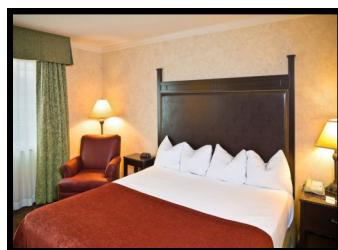
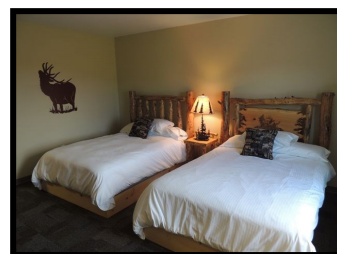
## New Venues for ME!!

Seven couples, in addition to our ME presenting team, experienced a November weekend together at the Christian Retreat Center in East Waterford, PA. Tucked away in the beautiful Tuscarora Mountains, this rural retreat center creates the perfect setting for an ME weekend. The lovely rustic rooms and lounges add charm to the peaceful location. Consider attending our November 6-8, 2020 weekend at this beautiful location!

*"The facility was beautiful,  
peaceful, and welcoming."*

*"The lodging and  
food was excellent!"*

*"This weekend was  
directly gifted from  
the throne of God."*



On the weekend of February 21-23, fourteen couples were encountered at the local Heritage Hotel, Lancaster. Couples enjoyed the comfortable rooms, delicious food and excellent service at a convenient location. Apply soon to attend our February 2021 weekend at this great, new location!

*"The food was amazing  
and the staff were very  
nice and helpful."*

*"Great accommodations,  
great food, great  
fellowship!"*

*"Phenomenal! A  
breath of fresh air to  
our relationship and  
wind in our sails!"*

## Romantic Night Out 2020

### "Bonded Together"

On a brisk evening in February, approximately 400 people gathered at Yoder's Banquet Facility in New Holland to fellowship and celebrate marriage with one another. After a delicious meal and music by a local quartet, Dr. Jesse Gill shared with us his enthusiasm for Attachment: the God-designed bond that connects us with our loved ones. In marriage this bonding starts with the thrilling ride through infatuation, but it must be cultivated to sustain us for a lifetime of love.



Dr. Jesse Gill

Dr. Gill concluded his talk by challenging us to spend 20 minutes a day practicing "Face to Face, T.V.," which involves:

Face to Face gazing—actually making eye contact  
Tender touch  
Vulnerable emotional sharing



"Four Singing Men"

Dr. Gill recently wrote an article titled "Losing Touch: The Rising Cost of Social Distancing." In the article he suggests some practical ways that we can apply "Face to Face, T.V." during these challenging days we're experiencing:

1. Get true face to face time with your loved ones. Being shut-in to your homes can actually afford you greater time to gaze and listen. You may need to turn off the news or social media to make this happen.
2. Find ways to tell more people that you love them, via phone, FaceTime, or in person.
3. Decide the few people who will be in your closest circle. Give them hugs and hold them close.
4. Send cards and letters to people who are lonely and sequestered.
5. Tell jokes and laugh whenever you can.
6. Be present to the moments of beauty and warmth which still exist. Share them with others.

Gill, W. Jesse. "Losing Touch: The Rising Cost of Social Distancing" Published by AACC on March 24, 2020.



Thank you to all who shared in the offering and the sponsorships of the banquet. Because of your generosity, our net income for the evening was a little over \$9,600. Plan now to attend next year's banquet scheduled for February 6, 2021.

### *Mexico ME Postponed*

*Due to present conditions, the ME scheduled for Sinaloa, Mexico, has been postponed. God-willing we hope to reschedule for a future date in 2020 or 2021. Please pray that this much-needed encounter can occur.*

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