# PRE-MARRIAGE MENTORING LEADER TRAINING GUIDE

Show me the right path, O LORD; point out the road for me to follow. Lead me by your truth and teach me, for you are the God who saves me. All day long I put my hope in you." -Psalm 25:4-5 NLT

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## **TRAINING**

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## Why Pre-Marriage Mentoring?

Think about when you learned to drive: you endured a written assessment, hours of driving with an experienced adult, and maneuverability testing. All of that was necessary because bad things happen if we allow someone to drive without first learning critical skills. The reality is that critical skills are beneficial in many areas of life, including marriage.

Many engaged couples are apprehensive about marriage, yet are more consumed with planning a 30 minute ceremony and 3 hour reception, than with planning steps toward a healthy marriage. The best time to help couples develop a healthy marriage, one with God at the center of their lives and home, is before they are married – before they start to "drive on the streets." Pre-Marriage Mentoring (PMM) can begin developing the habits that will serve their marriage well for years to come!

## What is Pre-Marriage Mentoring?

PMM exists to guide engaged couples toward a path of connection in their marriage: helping them to connect with each other, through learning to communicate and work through difficulties; to connect with our church body, as relationships and community lead to the full life God intends for us; and to connect with God, as they begin a journey of honoring Him with their marriage and following His will for their lives.

At CedarCreek, we use "Saving Your Marriage Before It Starts" (SYMBIS) by Les and Leslie Parrot as our curriculum. It includes an online assessment, a book and individual workbooks for the man and woman. SYMBIS helps couples:

- 1. Uncover the most important misbeliefs of marriage
- 2. Learn how to communicate with greater understanding
- 3. Discover strategies for reducing and resolving conflict
- 4. Master the skills of money management
- 5. Get their sex life off to a great start
- 6. Understand the three essential ingredients to lasting love

7. Discover the importance of becoming soul mates....and more An additional resource, "Saving Your Second Marriage Before It Starts," also by the Parrots, is used for mentoring couples who are preparing for a marriage that is not their first. This is very similar to SYMBIS, yet contains nuances important to these different circumstances.

## Who supports Pre-Marriage Mentoring Leaders?

At CedarCreek, when three or more gather to connect and grow, they are a Group. This means that whenever you are assigned an engaged couple to mentor, the four of you will be a Group for the duration of the mentoring, and you will be the Pre-Marriage Mentoring Leaders of that Group. You will be supported by another couple from your campus, the Pre-Marriage Mentoring Coaches.

Your PMM Coaches are:

Their phones #s are:

Their email addresses are:

Your PMM Coaches will be the ones pairing you with the engaged couples as your mentoring assignments. As a pairing occurs, your PMM Coaches will provide you with the couples' names and contact information, along with a copy of their *\*Wedding Application* and their *\*Officiating Pastor – Initial Meeting Summary.* You can be certain that your PMM Coaches will take good care of you by praying for you regularly, troubleshooting with you if things get challenging, and providing on-going support.

## **Preparing for your first Pre-Marriage Mentoring session**

#### Principles to help you mentor with confidence:

- 1. **Pray first.** By keeping God at the center of your own hearts and at the center of your own marriage, you will be most equipped to serve. In addition, your prayers for the couples you mentor will make an eternal difference!
- **2. Be yourselves!** God has created you with a purpose: to make a difference through Pre-Marriage Mentoring.
- **3. Keep it casual.** Your home is the recommended meeting location, since conversation around a kitchen or dining room table provides privacy and comfort. Reduce stress by not feeling pressured to serve food, etc.
- 4. **Prepare.** Be familiar with the materials and assignments. Thoroughly read the book and workbook lesson for that week prior to meeting with the couple. As a couple, agree on what is important in each chapter, and decide who will lead each topic so that you are on the same page.
- 5. Don't feel like you need to have all the right answers. If you are uncomfortable or unsure answering any questions, let the couple know you'll find out and get back to them. No one has all the answers all the time. Reach out to your PMM Coaches for assistance.
- 6. Avoid the pressure to iron out all the "red flags." The couple you mentor may have major areas of concern in their lives and relationship. Make yourselves a little vulnerable and share from your own marriage what you learned or wish you'd learned, but discuss ahead of time what is off limits to bring up. Don't harm your own marriage. If red flags don't get resolved with relative ease, call your PMM Coaches. They will help problem solve, and if needed, will confer with one of the pastors from your campus. The couple may need to meet with the officiating pastor, or possibly see a counselor. Remember that you are not counselors and are not expected to resolve their issues.

## Practical steps for leading your first Pre-Marriage Mentoring session

#### **Before the session**:

- 1. Receive your PMM assignment. Your PMM Coaches will assign the engaged couple to you.
- 2. Contact the engaged couple. Do this as soon as possible. Schedule your first session. Consider using *\*PMM Welcome Email (Sample)* as a communication template. This template does not include specific information on the SYMBIS materials they will be using. You may choose to add that information.

#### 3. Understand the goals for the first session:

To begin developing a relationship with the couple (to get acquainted)
To learn their history. How has their relationship reached this point?
To give them an overview of the course and the requirements
To set up a schedule for meeting with them

#### At the session:

- 1. Introduce yourselves. Spend a few minutes in social chatter (more will naturally occur as weeks move along). Share your history at CedarCreek, your jobs, family, your marriage, things you enjoy doing separately and as a couple, anything to break the ice and possibly find some common interests. They will likely be nervous, so try to help them relax.
- 2. Encourage the couple. Commend them for meeting with you and challenge them to make a commitment to these mentoring sessions. Rather than doing this to fulfill a requirement, recommend they do it to evaluate their present relationship and to try to lay the best foundation possible for their marriage.
- 3. Get to know the couple. Help them talk about themselves by using the *\*PMM Get Acquainted 1<sup>st</sup> Session* questions. Jot down notes for your own reference as you go. Make note of any "red flags" that you have, anything that has the potential to erupt with the couple after the wedding. Don't launch into these at this meeting. Save it for the appropriate sessions. Just continue to build trust.

**4. Explain the resources you will use.** (You will have information from their application and the initial pastor's interview to help you determine which books the engaged couple needs to buy.)

**BOOKS:** They will need the book "Saving Your Marriage Before It Starts" by Les & Leslie Parrott, 2015 copyright (aqua SYMBIS special edition label on the cover). It is available in hardcover, Kindle and audio (read by the authors) versions. Only one hardcover book needs to be brought to the mentoring sessions, though we recommend they each have their own copy.

If they have been married before, they may need "Saving Your Second Marriage Before It Starts" which also has an audio book available. It is the same book as the original, but has two extra chapters to address issues resulting from prior marriages ("Are you ready to remarry?" and "Blending Families"). Again, the 2015 copyright edition with the aqua SYMBIS special edition label on the cover.

**WORKBOOKS:** They will each need their own workbook. There is a separate one for men and women. Be sure they buy the ones that correspond to the book you will be using (the book for a first marriage or the book for a second marriage) and is the newest edition. At specific points in the book, it gives instructions to go to the workbook and do exercise # \_\_\_\_. The audio book does this as well, so if the couple is listening to the book together, when directed they would stop recording and each go to their individual workbooks and do the exercise separately and then return to listening to the book.

**SYMBIS Assessment:** You will email them an invitation to complete this online assessment through your SYMBIS Facilitator Dashboard. They will complete the assessment on their own, and it will take them approximately 35 minutes. As their PMM Leaders, you will receive their results, and you'll discuss those results throughout the course of the mentoring. (IMPORTANT – Only distribute the page being discussed. Do not give out advanced pages; retain the remaining pages of the report to discuss together.) At the end of the mentoring, they will receive the entire report to keep. Their results will be kept confidential.

- 5. Explain the mentoring process. At each session, you will discuss some areas of the workbook exercises along with some of the questions at the end of each chapter in the book. You will also share the Assessment pages corresponding to the chapter for that session in order to better understand how the principles in the book apply specifically to them and their relationship. By the end of the mentoring process, they will have received their entire report.
- 6. Hard work and fun. This course needs a high degree of effort from them, but there will also be plenty of fun along the way!
- 7. Schedule your sessions. Decide on tentative dates to meet that will work for everyone. Each session will take 1.5 2 hours. Stress the importance of making these mentoring sessions a priority. You will need 3 copies of the schedule (either *\*SYMBIS Assignment Schedule 1<sup>st</sup> Marriage Book* or *\*SYMBIS Assignment Schedule 2<sup>nd</sup> Marriage Book*, depending on which book you are using), which serves as a session scheduler and also as an assignment sheet. You get one copy of the schedule and the other <u>two</u> go the couple so they'll each have their own.
- 8. Explain the homework. Each time you meet, use the schedule to clarify the materials that need to be read and the exercises that need to be completed before the next time you connect.
- **9. Pray.** One of the best gifts you can give the engaged couple is prayer. Invite God to work in each of your relationships throughout the mentoring process.
- 10.After the session, finish the "Get Acquainted Summary" at the end of the \*PMM Get Acquainted - 1<sup>st</sup> Session. This is for your information only. It will help you prepare for the weeks ahead.

## 11.Send the SYMBIS Assessment invitation via your Facilitator Dashboard.

## Leading subsequent Pre-Marriage Mentoring sessions

- **1. Pray first.** It may be helpful to decide beforehand which Mentoring Leader is going to do this.
- 2. Ask the couple, "What did you learn about each other?" Helping the couple have open dialogue is more important than covering all materials with you.
- 3. Review highlights of the assigned chapter. Use these approaches:

**Questioning:** What did you find new or interesting in this chapter? What page was it on?

**SYMBIS Assessment:** Review the page currently under discussion. (REMEMBER – Only distribute the page being discussed. Do not give out advanced pages; retain the remaining pages of the report to discuss together.) Thoroughly process the information and ask the questions on each page. Allow the couple to react to the information presented.

**Select review questions at the end of the chapter** (The couple need <u>not</u> do these in advance).

**Select workbook exercises** (the couple should do these <u>before</u> meeting with you and should have already compared their answers).

- 4. Confirm the next meeting date and homework assignment.
- 5. Close in prayer.

## **Special Instructions!**

#### Chapter Two "Can You Identify Your Love Style"

**Exercise #7** in the workbook is about sexual intimacy. If the couple struggles with sexual purity, they may <u>not</u> want to compare answers on this exercise before meeting with you. If they would like, you can take 10 minutes and meet separately about this exercise (guys one room, gals in another) before they compare their workbooks on this exercise. It's up to you how to best handle this one with your couple. Though very important, this is only one part of the chapter and is not meant for you to spend the whole evening on this alone.

## **The final Pre-Marriage Mentoring session**

- 1. **Celebrate!** Commend them for their hard work and their commitment to develop a marriage relationship that is all God wants it to be!
- 2. **Certificate of Completion** Prior to the last session, print a color copy of the *\*PMM Certificate of Completion* on high quality paper (your PMM Coaches can help with this; we recommend printing a few at a time so that you have extras in stock). Fill it out, sign it, and have your Campus Pastor or the officiating pastor, if it is someone different, sign it. Present it to the couple at the last session.
- 3. Couple's Evaluation We would love the couple's feedback on their PMM experience. Explain that you will email them a link to an online evaluation. When you send the email, use the link accessed through \*PMM Engaged Couple's Program Evaluation, and be sure to tell them your PMM Coaches' names and email address, since that is who the evaluation should be forwarded to.
- 4. **Helps & Resources Sheet** You can print the *\*PMM Helps and Resources* to give your couple at the last session, or email them the link when you send them the Couple's Evaluation link and info. It includes a link to a list of CedarCreek Counseling Referrals. Encourage your couple to get some help if they experience a breakdown in communication or sense issues beginning to surface.
- 5. **Final Report** Complete the *\*PMM Leaders' Final Report.* This addresses your mentoring experience with the couple and their readiness for marriage. This webform routes to the officiating pastor, your PMM Coaches, and copies yourself.

### Thank you.

Leaders, the time, energy and care you pour into Pre-Marriage Mentoring greatly increases their hope for a marriage that lasts and honors God. You are making a difference. You matter!

## **APPENDIX**

## Pre-Marriage Mentoring Leaders Resource List on Creekhelp

Resources mentioned in the PMM Training Guide in italics with an \* can be accessed at <u>creekhelp.com/ministries</u> They are listed under "Pre-Marriage Mentoring Leaders Resources"

SAMPLE – This webform is available on at <u>cedarcreek.tv/care</u> When a couple completes this, it routes to the Campus Pastor of the Campus they select.

## **Wedding Application**

Form Submitted: (date autopopulates)

What are you requesting?

-We are requesting a CedarCreek Pastor to officiate our wedding (with pre-marriage mentoring).

-We are requesting pre-marriage mentoring only.

If yes: "Have you already asked someone about mentoring you?" If yes: What is his or her name?

Bride's Information:

Name:

Date of Birth:

Email Address:

Phone Number:

Address:

City:

State:

Zip:

Home CedarCreek Campus:

Occupation:

Marital Status:

Do you have any children?:

Have you ever prayed and asked Jesus into your heart and life?

Groom's Information:

Name:

Date of Birth:

Email Address:

Phone Number:

Address:

City:

State:

Zip:

Home CedarCreek Campus:

Occupation:

Marital Status:

Do you have any children?:

Have you ever prayed and asked Jesus into your heart and life?

*SAMPLE – This webform is available on at <u>creekhelp.com/ministries</u> The officiating Pastor completes this form during their initial meeting with the engaged couple.* 

## **Officiating Pastor - Initial Meeting Summary**

Submitter's First Name:

Submitter's Last Name:

Submitter's Email Address:

Pre-Marriage Mentoring Coach's Email Address: Whichever PM Coach's address you include will receive a copy of this summary.

**Couple's Names:** 

Campus:

Will this couple be participating in CedarCreek's Pre-Marriage Mentoring, including the SYMBIS curriculum?

Who is marrying this couple?

How long has the couple been together?

What are the couple's living arrangements?

Where are the individuals on their spiritual journey?

Do you have any specific concerns for the couple?

Does the couple have any unique life situations?

Do you foresee any potential challenges for the Pre-Marriage Mentoring Leaders?

Is there any additional information you'd like to share with the Pre-Marriage Mentoring Leaders?

## **Pre-Marriage Mentoring Welcome Email Template**

Dear \_\_\_\_\_\_ & \_\_\_\_\_\_,

We are so excited that you are interested in CedarCreek's Pre-Marriage Mentoring! Throughout this journey, we will be your Pre-Marriage Mentoring Leaders, and we look forward to encouraging you, and to learning and growing with you.

Here's a brief summary of what the Pre-Marriage Mentoring experience will be... The program consists of about eight sessions. Each meeting lasts 1.5-2 hours, and we usually meet in our home. We try to schedule one meeting per week, although we can adjust as necessary. We will get started when you're ready, and we'll plan to finish with plenty of time to spare before your big day!

Our first session will be a meet and greet, along with an opportunity for us to answer your questions about the program and show you the book and workbooks that you will need to purchase before the second session. There is also an online personality and relationship assessment that corresponds with the book. You will both take the assessment before our second session, and we'll discuss the results throughout the course of the mentoring. The whole experience will give you great insights about yourselves and each other!

To give you an idea of who we are, we attend CedarCreek's \_\_\_\_\_\_ Campus. We've been married for \_\_\_\_\_\_ years. *(Insert a couple of details about your family, hobbies, etc.)*. We've mentored \_\_\_\_\_\_ couples, and we have found it to be rewarding for both the couples we've mentored and our own marriage.

I'll follow this email with a personal call before the end of next week to set up our introductory meeting. I just wanted to be sure to let you know that we're looking forward to getting to know you and helping you get your marriage started on the right path!

Our contact information is: (Insert names, phone numbers and email addresses)

Sincerely,

## PMM Get Acquainted - 1<sup>st</sup> Session

This is for the PMM Leader's own records and used to guide the 1<sup>st</sup> PMM session.

Couple's Names:	&	

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

- 1. AS A COUPLE:
- How did you meet?
- How long have you been dating?
- What kind of activities do you do with just the two of you?
- What do you do with others?

#### 2. FAMILIES:

- Are your parents still living?
- Do you have siblings? How many?
- Are any of your siblings married?
- How would you evaluate your parents' marriage?
- How well have you gotten to know each other's families?
- Are there any addictions that run in the family?
- How do your family and friends feel about you getting married?

#### **3. SPIRITUAL JOURNEY:**

- Tell us about your church background.
- Explain about your personal relationship with Christ.
- Has Jesus played a part in your dating relationship?
- What part will He will play in your marriage?
- Why do you think this marriage will work?
- What do you expect to receive from this Pre-Marriage Course?
- Is there anything you want to ask us?

• Have either of you been married before?

#### 4. QUESTIONS FOR THOSE PREVIOUSLY MARRIED:

- Are you widowed? If so, how long has it been since your spouse died?
- Do you feel you've fully grieved?
- Are you divorced? If so, how long ago?
- How did it end?
- How was your divorce finalized?
- Can you identify failings on your part?
- Do you have children from your previous marriage?
- What are the custody/living arrangements for them?
- How do they feel about you getting re-married?
- If you both have children, how do they feel about each other?
- Do you feel there is a healthy relationship with all concerned?

## **Get Acquainted - Summary**

This is for the PMM Leaders' own records and to be completed following the 1<sup>st</sup> PMM session.

Couple's Names: \_\_\_\_\_\_ & \_\_\_\_\_\_ &

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

• Describe your impression of the couple.

• What level of emotional maturity does the couple bring to this relationship?

• Describe the spiritual level of each?

• What strengths do they exhibit?

• What "Red Flags" need to be addressed further?

• Are there any spiritual concerns and a need for you to share the gospel with this couple?

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## SYMBIS Assignment Schedule – 1<sup>st</sup> Marriage Book

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Session	Date	Time	Discussion	Assignment
1			Opening interview and	QUESTION 1 "Ready to
			course overview	Marry Again" &
				WORKBOOK exercises
				1-2
2			QUESTION 1 questions	QUESTION 2 "Myths of
			& WORKBOOK	Remarriage" &
			exercises 1-2	WORKBOOK exercises
				3-7
3			QUESTION 2 questions	QUESTION 3 "Your
			& WORKBOOK	Love Style" &
			exercises 3-7	WORKBOOK exercises
				8-11
4			QUESTION 3 questions	QUESTION 4 "Habit of
			& WORKBOOK	Happiness" &
			exercises 8-11	WORKBOOK exercises
				12-14
5			QUESTION 4 questions	QUESTION 5 "Say
			& WORKNOOK	What You Mean" &
			exercises 12-14	WORKBOOK exercises
				15-17
6			QUESTION 5 questions	QUESTION 6 "Gender
			& WORKBOOK	Gap"& WORKBOOK
			exercises 15-17	exercises 18-19
7			QUESTION 6 questions	QUESTION 7 "to Fight
			& WORKBOOK	a Good Fight" & WKBK
			exercises 18-19	exercises 20-23
8			QUESTION 7 questions	QUESTION 8 "Blending
			& WORKBOOK	a Family" &
			exercises 20-23	WORKBOOK exercises
				24-25
9			QUESTION 8 questions	QUESTION 9 "Soul
			& WORKBOOK	Mates" & WORKBOOK
			exercises 24-25	exercises 26-28
10			QUESTION 9 questions	
			& WORKBOOK	
			exercises 26-28	

## SYMBIS Assignment Schedule – 2<sup>nd</sup> Marriage Book

### SAMPLE - print an official version at <u>creekhelp.com/ministries</u> **Pre-Marriage Mentoring Certificate of Completion**



SAMPLE – A link to this webform (available at <u>creekhelp.com/ministries</u>) is sent by the PMM Leaders to the engaged couple at the conclusion of Pre-Marriage Mentoring

## CedarCreek Pre-Marriage Mentoring Engaged Couple's Program Evaluation

Thank you for participating in CedarCreek's Pre-Marriage Mentoring Program. We hope your time invested in completing this program helped you learn principles and tools that will benefit you throughout your marriage.

Please complete this evaluation as a couple. Your assistance in providing feedback for the Pre-Marriage Mentoring Program is appreciated!

YOUR NAMES:

YOUR PRE-MARRIAGE MENTORING LEADERS' NAMES:

#### WHO SHOULD THIS FORM BE ROUTED TO? (PMM LEADERS SHOULD PROVIDE THE NAMES AND EMAIL ADDRESSES OF THE PMM COACHES FOR THEIR CAMPUS.):

Please select your response to the following statements.

#### PARTICIPATION:

We looked forward to participating in the pre-marriage mentoring program.

strongly disagree	disagree	agree	strongly agree

We spent the necessary time to complete our assignments for each session.

strongly disagree disagree agree strongly agree

We participated in the discussions honestly and openly.

strongly disagree	disagree	agree	strongly agree
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Materials presented in the program will be beneficial to our marriage.

strongly disagree disagree agree strongly agree

We felt the time spent in the program was worthwhile.

	strongly disagree	disagree	agree	strongly agree
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#### **Comments**:

#### MATERIALS:

The book "Saving Your Marriage Before It Starts" was interesting and informative.						
	strongly disagree	disagree	agree	strongly agree		
The	SYMBIS workbook was in	teresting and info	ormative.			
	strongly disagree	disagree	agree	strongly agree		
The	SYMBIS Assessment was i	interesting and ir	nformative.			
	strongly disagree	disagree	agree	strongly agree		
	The SYMBIS book and Assessment helped us talk about things we might not otherwise have talked about with each other.					
	strongly disagree	disagree	agree	strongly agr		
Com	iments:					
PRE-MARRIAGE MENTORING LEADERS:						
Our	mentors made us feel we	lcome.				
	Strongly disagree	disagree	agree	strongly agree		
Our mentors were prepared to lead and knew assigned material.						
	Strongly disagree	disagree	agree	strongly agree		
Distractions were kept to a minimum during meeting (phone calls, children, pets, etc.)						
	Strongly disagree	disagree	agree	strongly agree		
Each session lasted a reasonable length of time.						
	Strongly disagree	disagree	agree	strongly agree		

Our mentors shared personal experiences that were relevant to the discussion.

Strongly disagree disagree agree strongly agree

Comments:

#### Suggestions to improve the program:

### **Pre-Marriage Mentoring Helps & Resources**

#### "Love & Respect" by Dr. Emerson Eggerich

*The Love She Most Desires, the Respect He Desperately Needs*, is based on the biblical passage from Ephesians 5:33 (*But every husband must love his wife as he loves himself, and wives should respect their husbands* - GODS WORD® translation). His premise is that communication between a husband and wife is often frustrated because of the vastly different ways in which men and women perceive love. Women are wired to need unconditional love and men need to feel unconditionally respected. Revitalize the love in your marriage! *A Focus on the Family Recommendation*; hardcover

#### "Sheet Music" by Dr Kevin Lehman

With his characteristic warmth and humor, Dr. Kevin Leman offers a practical guide to sex according to God's plan. This frank and practical book is a perfect resource for married and engaged couples. Available in softcover.

#### "The Five Love Languages" by Gary Chapman

Are you and your spouse speaking the same language? While love is a 'many splendored thing', it is sometimes a very confusing thing, too. And as people come in all varieties, shapes, and sizes, so do their choices of personal expressions of love. But more often than not, the giver and the receiver express love in two different ways. This can lead to misunderstanding, quarrels, and even divorce. 'Quality Time', 'Words of Affirmation', 'Gifts', 'Acts of Service', and 'Physical Touch,' Dr. Gary Chapman identifies these five basic languages of love and then guides couples towards a better understanding of their unique languages of love. Learn to speak and understand your mate's love language, and in no time, you will be able to effectively love and truly feel loved in return. Skillful communication is within your grasp!

#### Les & Leslie Parrott- www.lesandleslie.com

This is the website of the authors of our SYMBIS Pre-Marriage Materials and Assessment and has numerous books and short videos that will help you in your relationship, family, and parenting.

#### Marriage Builders- marriagebuilders.com

Willard F. Farley Jr. is author of "His Needs Her Needs". He hosts "Marriage Builders Weekend" conferences designed for marital recovery which kicks off a 1-year home study program. *(see website for details & info)* 

#### **CedarCreek Counseling Referral List**

Because life can be difficult and sometimes overwhelming, CedarCreek has put together a listing of Christian counselors to help you with some of these challenges. If you need this list, contact your PMM leaders, call the church office, stop by Guest Services on the weekend, or copy this address. <u>https://creekhelp.com/wp-content/uploads/CounselingReferralBW-7.pdf</u>

SAMPLE – Pre-Marriage Mentoring Leaders complete this webform (available at <u>creekhelp.com/ministries</u>) at the conclusion of Pre-Marriage Mentoring. It is copied to their PMM Coaches and the Officiating Pastor.

## **Pre-Marriage Mentoring Leaders' Final Report**

Your commitment to Pre-Marriage Mentoring is valuable, and your insights matter! The documentation you provide will assist the officiating pastor in evaluating the couple's readiness for marriage.

**Engaged Couple's Names:** 

**PMM Leaders' Names:** 

**PMM Leaders' Emails:** 

**PMM Coaches' Names:** 

PMM Coaches' Emails:

**Officiating Pastor's Name:** 

**Officiating Pastor's Email:** 

#### Wedding Date:

#### **PMM Completion Date:**

1. Share about your experience with this couple (ie: on time, homework completed, kept appointments, shared openly in discussions, etc.):

#### 2. Where is this couple spiritually?

- 3. Were there any "red flags" (concerns)?
- 4. In your opinion is this couple ready to marry?

**Other Comments:**