

1. Are married couples required to attend UEC together?

While UEC does not require couples to attend together, we state, "For married couples,

it is customary and strongly recommended that both husband and wife attend UEC together."

This brochure will help you understand WHY we make this recommendation.



"My wife really wanted me to attend UEC. Boy, am I glad I did. I found freedom and rediscovered my two best friends - my wife and Jesus."

2. Why does UEC recommend couples attend together?

While UEC is not a marriage enrichment weekend, those couples that have attended together are very happy that they did.

The mutual understanding of the transforming power of God's grace can enhance a marriage relationship. Testimonies by married couples indicate that common Christian purpose is often discovered when partners share a similar experience and understanding.

Most who attend a UEC weekend find the kind of renewal that changes their lives. Their relationship with Christ deepens. As a result, values, priorities, beliefs, even life direction may change. Usually, these are very positive changes. If both people in a marriage experience the weekends together, they can share these changes and better understand the changes in each other.

"Next to our wedding day, and the birth of our children, sharing UEC with my husband was the best event of our lives. My relationship with Christ and with my husband were both renewed and strengthened."

3. My spouse does not want to attend UEC. What should I do?

If your spouse does not want to attend UEC, you may attend on your own. It

is possible that any renewal you experience will encourage your spouse to attend at a later time.

Or, you may wish to wait for your spouse to be ready to attend UEC, so you can attend together. Richard prayed for his wife to want to attend UEC for 3 years. She was finally convinced when she discovered a good friend had attended and she saw positive changes in her friend's life and marriage. Richard's prayer and patience were rewarded when they attended UEC together.

We hear testimonies all the time from spouses that didn't think they wanted to attend UEC and attended only because they chose to honor their husband or wife who wanted to attend. In retrospect, they are very happy that they attended and now wonder why they didn't want to go in the first place.

If your spouse does not want to attend UEC, we recommend asking them to attend on your behalf. A discussion with a close friend who has attended may be of assistance. Watch the UEC DVD together. There are testimonies on the DVD given by spouses who did not want to attend in the beginning, but are now very glad that they did. Most of all, we recommend prayer and patience.

God's timing is perfect. Trust Him.

4. My spouse is not able to attend UEC. What should I do?

If you feel that your spouse is unable to attend UEC due to a prolonged illness or disability, we encourage you to talk to the UEC contact at your church.

UEC can accommodate almost anyone. We often include people with special diets, physical challenges and other special needs. Share your specific situation with us and let us help you determine if there is a way for your spouse to experience a UEC weekend with you.

If that won't be possible, you are welcome to attend and be refreshed and renewed.

"I really wanted to attend a UEC weekend. I heard how great they are. But my husband had no interest. My friend said we would get more out of a UEC weekend if we attend together.

She prayed with me for a year that he would have a desire to go. He ran into a college buddy at a baseball game that couldn't stop talking about UEC.

Now he was ready.

It was an awesome weekend. I'm so glad I waited for him."

