



6. How do I register?

To attend an Unidos en Cristo weekend, you will need a sponsor —

Someone who has already attended an Unidos en Cristo weekend. Ask those you know at your local church if they have been to a weekend, tell them you are interested in attending and ask if they would sponsor you. Your sponsor will obtain an application and a schedule of weekends for you. The completed application is submitted by your sponsor and you'll be accepted into the next Unidos en Cristo weekend that has openings. If you have questions or need help connecting with a sponsor, please contact someone below.

5. For More Information

For more information about Unidos en Cristo:

- Talk to the UEC Liaison at your local church who is listed on the back of this brochure.
- Visit our web site at www.unidosencristo.com
- Contact a member of the UEC Council (contact information available at the web site)

For use by the local church ...

(Fill this space with contacts for your local UEC community.)

In Minnesota, 150+ churches have active Unidos en Cristo communities and 8,000+ people have attended Unidos en Cristo weekends. To contact Unidos en Cristo, please visit our web site at:

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Christ Is Counting on You

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(United in Christ)



Why
Married Couples
Attend
Together

1. Are married couples required to attend UEC together?

UEC does require married couples to attend a set of weekends together.

If one partner has already attended a cursillo-type weekend, then UEC does not require that person to attend with their spouse. Cursillo-type weekends include Catholic, Episcopal and Lutheran Cursillo, Via de Cristo, Walk to Emmaus, Great Banquet, Tres Dias, TEC and other similar weekend experiences.



"My wife practically had to drag me to go to UEC. Boy, am I glad she did. I found freedom and rediscovered my two best friends - my wife and Jesus."

2. Why does UEC require couples to attend together?

While UEC is not a marriage enrichment weekend, most couples are very happy that they attended UEC and that they attended UEC together.

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. UEC does not wish to be a tool of division within a marriage. If both people in a marriage experience the weekends together, they can share these changes and 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?

Many have waited patiently for their spouse to be ready and willing to attend UEC with them. 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. 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. They, in particular, are thankful for the requirement for spouses to attend together. Otherwise, they may not have attended and would have missed out on this unique experience.

If your spouse does not want to attend UEC, we recommend asking them to attend on your behalf, so that you can attend. 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 disabilities 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 should attend together and would get more out of it if we did.

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."

