To the Future Bride and Groom;

Congratulations on your engagement! I consider it an honor to have been asked to preside at your covenant marriage wedding ceremony.

As a pastor, one of my greatest delights is to serve as God’s representative when two people join together in marriage. Since the marriage union represents the covenant union of Christ and His Bride, the Church, the significance is great and the symbolism is beautiful.

Enclosed, you will find a *Pre-Marriage Interview* for each of you to complete separately. Several things are important for this part of the pre-marriage preparation and counseling to be successful:

* Each of you fills out the *Interview* separately;
* Each of you fills out the *Interview* completely and in ink;
* Each of you fills out the *Interview* honestly and openly;
* Once completed, the two of you meet together and discuss your responses;
* Your responses are sent to me. We set a day and time for the three of us to meet and discuss your responses on the *Interview*;
* We set a time-table and schedule to complete the pre-marriage counseling plan.

The counseling needs of each couple differ depending on a wide variety of factors. The *Pre-Marriage Interview* helps me know better where you are individually and as a couple in order to better determine what is needed. My wife is often my counseling partner in this arena, so there may actually be four of us involved.

The Bible is our primary resource for all of our counseling. We have found that the best ideas about marriage come from the One who designed and implemented it from the beginning. We hope that you agree.

We will be in prayer for you as you set out on this most important venture of your life. May God’s voice be ever in your ear and His love ever in your heart.

Yours in the Master’s Service,

Pastor Warren G. Lamb