

Speakers and Hosts



Drs. Paul and Virginia Friesen were married in 1976 and have three young adult daughters and two Godly sons-in-law. As the lead resource couple at Home Improvement Ministries, the Friesens regularly speak at marriage, men's,

and women's conferences in the US and internationally, as well as local family and parenting seminars. They have an ongoing ministry with several professional athletic teams, and have authored a number of books and curriculums on parenting and marriage. Paul and Virginia both have Doctorates in Marriage and Family Therapy from Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary.

The Friesens are (with four others) co-authors of the book *Restoring the Fallen* published by InterVarsity Press. Home Improvement Ministries has published their books *Letters to My Daughters* (Paul), *So You Want to Marry My Daughter?* (Paul), *In Our Image: A daily guide to strengthen your marriage* (Paul and Virginia), *Raising a Trailblazer: Rite-of-Passage Trail Markers for Your Set-Apart Teens* (Virginia), and most recently, *Before You Save the Date* (Paul).

The Friesens' greatest joy in life is knowing that their children are walking in the Truth.

"... this marriage retreat was one of the best decisions that we have made for our marriage. We really enjoyed the entire weekend and it has helped to reconnect us. Thank you for helping to make our trip memorable and special. We appreciate all of the work, ideas, and love that went into planning this weekend for all of the couples."

"Paul and Virginia were terrific. . . . they openly shared how God has worked in their lives over the years and were willing to share the mistakes and corrections they have made in their own lives, which allowed them to sincerely connect to the audience."



Come Away My Lover, My Friend

Establishing, Nurturing, and
Delighting in Your Marriage



Worship Leaders

Danny Oertli is an accomplished singer, songwriter, and author, encouraging audiences worldwide with enriching stories of God's enduring faithfulness. He has performed throughout the world and has worked with many ministries, including Billy Graham, Focus on the Family, and FamilyLife. For the past eight years, Danny has served as the worship leader for the Dare 2 Share conferences and as a Compassion International spokesperson. He currently lives in Parker, Colorado, with his wife, Rayna, and their three children.

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with

Paul and Virginia Friesen




*The mission of Home Improvement Ministries
is to equip, encourage, and bring hope
to churches, families, and marriages
as they seek to establish and live out
biblical designs for relationships.*

March 2–4, 2012

HOTEL VIKING
NEWPORT, RHODE ISLAND

SCHEDULE

Friday	4–8 pm	Registration and Check-in
	8 pm	Opening Worship and Session 1: <i>Expectations in Marriage</i>
Saturday	7:30–9 am	Breakfast
	9:15 am	Worship and Session 2: <i>Friendship in Marriage</i>
	10:45 am	Break
	11:15 am	Workshops
	12:30 pm	Free time for lunch and afternoon on your own
	6:00 pm	Dinner at the Viking
	7:30 pm	Worship and Session 3: <i>Sexual Love in Marriage</i>
	9:00 pm	Danny Oertli Concert
Sunday	8–9:30 am	Breakfast
	10:00 am	Workshops
	11:30 am	Worship and Session 4: <i>Legacy in Marriage</i>
	1:00 pm	Departure



In our hectic and frenzied world, we sometimes forget that we are married to our friend, our lover. Get away to beautiful Newport, Rhode Island, enjoy the elegant Hotel Viking, be encouraged by practical Biblical teaching on marriage, be led in worship by gifted musicians, and relax with your lover, your friend. This is a great weekend to remember what it was that brought you together and to enjoy renewing that desire in your time away as a couple.

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Registration Form — or register online at: www.HIMweb.org/mc

WORKSHOPS:

- Parents and In-Laws—Having them, Being them
- Red-Hot Loving—Navigating conflict resolution in marriage
- Lovers Again?—Giving hope to couples in crisis
- Marriage and Money—How to be on the same balance sheet financially
- Making Marriage Fun – Practical ways to keep romance alive
- Married with Kids—How to have a intimate marriage in the midst of raising children

CONFERENCE DETAILS:

The cost covers two nights' accommodations at the Hotel Viking in Newport, Rhode Island, including breakfast and dinner on Saturday, breakfast on Sunday, and all sessions, workshops, and materials.

Situated on fashionable Bellevue Avenue in the historic hill neighborhood, The Hotel Viking offers guests an intimate haven of comfort and charm. This legendary hotel is immediately surrounded by fine dining, shopping, and entertainment—all just minutes from the Newport Harbor waterfront. Experience the warmth and character of a small Rhode Island boutique hotel of yesteryear, registered with the Historic Hotels of America, yet updated with modern amenities.

The Hotel Viking • One Bellevue Avenue • Newport, RI 02840

For driving directions, visit www.HIMweb.org/mc

COST:

\$375	_____	on or before 12/3/11
\$400	_____	from 12/4/11 to 2/3/12
\$425	_____	on or after 2/4/12
Optional upgrade (standard room has two double beds):		
\$50	_____	King-size bed
	_____	Total

PAYMENT DETAILS:

A non-refundable \$75 deposit is due with your registration form, with the balance due on or before 2/3/12. Final details and directions to the hotel will be sent shortly before the conference. Make checks payable to *Home Improvement Ministries* and mail to:

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CANCELLATION POLICY:

Cancellation of a registration by February 3, 2012, will result in a full refund less an administrative fee of \$50. No refunds will be given after February 3, but registrations are fully transferable without penalty by calling the H.I.M. office at 781-275-6473 or sending email to sue@HIMweb.org with the name change.

Names _____

Number of Years Married: _____

Address _____

Email 1 _____

Email 2 _____

Cell Phone _____

Home Phone _____

Church (optional) _____

Confirmation of your registration will be sent via email (check the box below to receive "snail mail").

Please send directions and details to us via U.S. Postal Service.