



The Family

Email received from a person who is going through separation procedures:

“If the church and the state could do something together prior to marriage it would be better. I think that there should be a professional family therapist who meets couples or possibly individual persons before they commit to marriage. In this way the therapist could help the couple or individual to ask the important questions which help a person think well before committing. This goes beyond the religious aspects alone.

As a movement our proposal is that the state provides marriage preparation courses which are run by family therapists and professionals in the field.

Also mentioned: “Before a person who is considering separating meets a lawyer, we need to have a system which facilitates access to a professional mediator who would have an interest in saving the marriage rather than exploiting the vulnerability of the person at such a delicate and difficult time for purely financial interests”.

P.S. in no way are we stating that all lawyers are the same or that all lawyers exploit the situation for financial gain. The solution proposed is to facilitate access to professional family therapists rather than lawyers when a relationship would be close to a breakdown.

