

# Why Should I Attend?

## **RESPONSIBILITY**

The International Council comprises ALL communities. An International Council Meeting ("ICM") is thus a meeting of all communities, where the important business of our ministry is conducted, where policy and by-laws are established, and outline improvements introduced when necessary. It follows that each community has a **responsibility** to send their representatives (the Community Coordinators or their nominated representatives) to all Council Meetings.

## **DISCIPLESHIP**

Retrouvaille is an international Community of Disciples, and ICM's give us the opportunities to exercise and renew our discipleship. We cannot do this in isolation. By definition we have committed ourselves to working in community with others, to change the world, one marriage at a time. It can be tempting to adopt a settler approach and claim that we can only do so much, but then we fail our Vision Statement. A pioneering spirit is called for. After all, if it were not for other Pioneers before us, where would we be today? It is up to us to use the talents our Father gave us, to change a selfish secular world, and to replace it with a spirit of love and generosity. We can only do this when we reach out, and work alongside our friends from around the world.

## **ENRICHMENT**

Regardless of whether you are Coordinators or long-standing members of your community, or a presenting couple, or member of a CORE group, if you have attended a Retrouvaille program anywhere in the world, then you are eligible and welcome to attend the Arizona ICM. The exciting workshops, each of which will be specifically designed with your marriage relationship or community in mind, have much to offer. These will be valuable sessions where you will learn much which you can take home, to the benefit of your family or community. There will also be sessions where we can share ideas, and find new ways of helping more married couples who are wandering around lost in the harsh desert of the modern secular world.

## **SOCIAL**

We will also have an action-packed program ready and waiting for you to enjoy with new friends from all around the world. The opportunity to meet others can be a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to meet folk from different cultures, but who have so much in common. The Retrouvaille family is a large and happy one.

## **FAMILY**

In addition to the above, there are many things to do here in Arizona. This would be an excellent opportunity to take some time to enjoy the weather and do some site seeing around the Desert.