



Questions for International Board Nominees

1. Names: **Lupe & Maria Arredondo**

Candidate for International Board Position Title: **International Deputy Coordinators**

How long have you been married/ordained? **43 years**

2. When and where did you make your original Retrouvaille weekend?

We made our Retrouvaille weekend November 14-16, 2003 in Fresno California

3. How do you serve Retrouvaille? (Positions held past and present)

We served in this ministry as: Prayer Letter Couple, Registration Couple, CORE Telephone Committee, Post Session Coordinators, Weekend Angel Couple, CORE Coordinators, Post Facilitators, Deputy Community Coordinators, 2 terms as Community Coordinators, SORC Committee, Region 2 Coordinators and Presenters for Stage 1, and Posts 1-8, 11 and 12 in English. Stage 1 & 3, Posts 1-8, 10, 11 & 12 in Spanish.

4. Members are required to have been involved in presenting the program.

When did you last present a Post or Weekend?

We recently presented Post 7 on August 17th for Oakland and Post 8 on August 24th.

We will be presenting Stage 1 for Santa Cruz on September 16th-19th. We will also be conducting a discernment for the Fresno Community on September 12th.

5. What is your Personality Style? (Helper, Organizer, Thinker, Catalyst)

Lupe is a helper and I am an organizer.

How do you see it contributing to your ability to serve in this position?

For one thing, we will grow as a couple and individually and at the same time contribute to this wonderful ministry that saved our marriage. Our personality styles of a helper and organizer are a good compliment of service to others and task oriented.

6. Are either or both of you bilingual? If so, what languages?

Yes, we are both bilingual. However, Lupe is more fluent in Spanish than I am.

7. What are your technical skills? Retrouvaille website comfort level?

We were registration couple for many years and I feel very comfortable with the Retrouvaille website.

8. Being a member on the International Board will require a good deal of time. Some roles will require organizational skills, some will require computer time, and some will require personal connections in an effort to strengthen, support and expand the ministry. Will you be able to adjust your life/schedule when you need to find the time?

Lupe and I are semi retired and as I mentioned I am a very organized person. We have been Region 2 Coordinators for 4 years and feel very connected with all the communities involved in Region 2.

9. Please name some of your personal strengths which you believe qualifies you to serve in the role you've been nominated for. (Couple and Priest)

We believe we have a strong marriage and we balance each other. As Lupe is patient and I am not. If we have a disagreement we have the Retrouvaille tools available. Dialogue, dialogue.

We enjoy helping struggling marriages. We started the Spanish Retrouvaille Community in Fresno and that was a challenge for our marriage but we came out stronger.

10. Do you suggest the dialogue process when talking with the couples, and if so, when?

Yes. Dialogue is a life saving tool. We suggest frequently, especially when a couple is struggling.

11. What is your leadership style when it comes to disagreements at meetings?

We listen. There are always two sides to every story. Of course as adults we should be able to compromise and meet each other half way. We understand sometimes it does not work out that way.

12. As you serve on the International Board, you will inevitably encounter different cultural and religious views. How will you deal with people who are different to you?

We have been dealing with different cultures and religious views all of our lives. We believe we are capable. We respect other peoples opinions and beliefs.

13. Why are you willing to serve in this position?

Since our Retrouvaille weekend we have been involved in this ministry. We receive more than we give and while Retrouvaille is not our whole life, Retrouvaille makes our lives whole.