

Goals of MennoMatch:

MennoMatch was created to provide Mennonite men and women with an opportunity to meet others who share their faith, values, and desire for marriage. Designed for mature Christian adults, MennoMatch is intended to be a tool for those seeking a godly spouse

We are committed to respect and integrity. Disrespectful or inappropriate conduct will not be tolerated. Our goal is to provide meaningful connections and support the building of strong, Christian homes.

Updated information:

Email is our first line of communication. If we have emailed you multiple times and do not receive an answer, we will attempt to reach you via your phone or social media.

We need replies from our messages. We understand that things happen and that you cannot always answer emails right away or maybe you need to think about your reply first. We give ample time to reply to our messages before attempting to reach out again. If we have attempted to reach you multiple times over a 3-6 week time frame and we do not receive a reply, we will assume that you are no longer interested and remove you from MennoMatch.

Understand that we have the right to remove you from MennoMatch at any time.

Reasons include (but are not limited to):

- failure to communicate with MennoMatch staff
- consistent failure to communicate with matches
- reports of inappropriate behavior
- on going requests that do not align with the missions and goals of MennoMatch (for example: only blond haired, blue-eyed girls that live within 30 minutes and dress in particular ways)

When you sign up for MennoMatch please understand that:

- We cannot guarantee a match in a certain time frame or that you will for sure get a match
- We do not know people well that we match you with, and we cannot guarantee that it will be a good match. It is your job to get to know each other, date, and decide if you want to spend your life together. If you have concerns about someone you are matched

with, please bring that to our attention. We are not responsible for your decisions, good or bad.

Please be aware that our guidelines for photos have changed moving forward: *(if you have already signed up, you do not need to submit new photos unless you want to)*

Imagine this scenario: You are going on a first date. You don't know the other person well and you want to make a good impression. You think ahead, pick out a nice outfit, and make sure you are looking your best.

Now think about what kind of impression a photo can leave on someone. Before you submit your photos to MennoMatch, remember that your photos can say a lot about you.

Here are a few guidelines for the kind of photos to submit:

You are the only one in the photo-no friends, children, or family

No animals in the photo-dead or alive. We get it hunters-but the blood does not help attract a spouse.

No selfies-and don't worry, we can tell when it is.

No side profiles needed.

If you can send four photos, that is optimal, but at minimum, please submit at least one photo that is from waist up and at least one full length photo.

For those curious about a timeline for MennoMatch:

You decide to sign up. You will then receive an email from MennoMatch with information to make your payment. After that is completed, you will receive a profile sheet designed for you that will be shared with your potential match. This process usually takes few days, but if it has been more than 5 days after you signed up and you have not heard anything, please send an email to MennoMatch. Please also check your spam folder if you have not received an email.

Next, MennoMatch matches a guy and a girl. There is no guarantee of getting a match immediately or even within a few months of signing up as we cannot guarantee when and if we will have a match for you. When we have a potential match, both the guy and girl are sent an email informing them of a potential match along with the matches profile sheet. Approval must be had from both the guy and the girl before moving forward.

After both agree, MennoMatch will give the guy the girl's email address. It is now the guy's time to shine and initiate. Guys please be aware that there is a girl expecting an email from you. Do not leave her in suspense. Girls, when you get that email, do not overthink your reply. It is equally rude for a girl to leave a guy in suspense. If either party does not initiate or respond to an email from the other in 3-5 days, please reach out to MennoMatch to let them know.

If emailing is going well, move on to phone calls within a week or two. From there you can start face timing or if you live within an hour or two of each other, move forward with meeting in person.

If we do not hear back from individuals after a match is made, someone from MennoMatch will reach out to you within a few weeks to check in to see how the relationship is going. Please send updates to MennoMatch so we know what is happening and if a new match is needed.

If things continue to move forward well and you get engaged, let us know! We will share a brief social media post that you are engaged. While not required, we would love to share an engagement photo, no names required. This helps others know that there is hope of finding a good match!

Things to consider if you feel the relationship is not going well:

Here are a few things to consider if a relationship is not going well. Think about why it's not working. Is communication poor? Does one or the other show lack of interest? Are there significant red flags?

Use common sense when deciding to end the relationship. Ask questions instead of assuming things. Be direct and communicate clearly. Think well about the why behind the decision to end the relationship. If you are ending the relationship because he does not have the jet black hair and the dark moody eyes you always wanted in a spouse, you need to reevaluate your standards as this is an extremely poor reason to end a relationship. If you are ending the relationship because of a significant character concern that they brush off or excuse, you have made the right choice.

When deciding to end a relationship think about what level of relationship you have with the other person. If you are just in the emailing stage, send them an email explaining your decision. If you have been talking on the phone or face timing, discuss it during a call. If you have been meeting in person, let them know in person. The other person should never be left hanging and/or questioning whether or not the relationship is over.

If you have been meeting in person, let them know in person. If you live far apart and it does not work to do this in person, please let them know by a personal phone call.

Unfortunately, ghosting has become a common practice in relationships when one or the other loses interest. Ghosting is not acceptable behavior. It is incredibly rude and immature. If we find that this is your way of “ending” a relationship, we will not give you another match.