



L I F E C E N T E R

OFF-SITE WEDDING GUIDE

Life Center Church believes in the sanctity of marriage according to Mark 10:6-9 “But at the beginning of creation God made them male and female. For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife and the two will become one flesh. So they are no longer two, but one. Therefore what God has joined together, let man not separate.”

A wedding is one of the most important days in a person’s life, and we want to help make your wedding as wonderful as possible. The following information contains wedding guidelines and information for securing a pastor from Life Center Ministries to officiate your ceremony. We are honored to be a part of this very special day.

HOW TO MAKE WEDDING ARRANGEMENTS & INFORMATION

- Everyone desiring to be married at Life Center must first complete a **Marriage Application**. The application is then submitted to Life Center’s Central campus office Attn : Heather Dinwiddie at 1717 South Union Ave, Tacoma, WA 98405 or email hdinwiddie@life-center.org.
- Dates are only confirmed after a completed application has been submitted. A confirmation call or email will be made when the wedding date has been confirmed.
- **Pre-marriage counseling** is required for all couples being married at Life Center and/or being married by a Life Center pastor. The pre-marriage counselor will communicate approval to the officiating pastor at the end of the counseling. Please call our Care Ministry as soon as possible to register for pre-marriage counseling, 253-756-5300.
- A **Washington state marriage license** is required for all weddings to take place at officiated by a Life Center Minister. Each couple is responsible for obtaining their marriage license through their county clerk’s office and should be valid at the time of the wedding. The license is valid for 60 days from the date it is issued.
- Please prepare your ceremony **order of service** and give to the pastor prior to the wedding. An example of a ceremony order is provided in this packet.
- Example of **wedding vows** are provided in this packet. Please share with the pastor which vows you would prefer to use in your ceremony.

MINISTER

The minister is honored to be a part of your wedding and to help make it an unforgettable experience, which shall be marked with spirituality, dignity, reverence and warmth. Our ministers will perform ceremonies depending on availability in their schedules. On the Marriage Application you can request which pastor you would like to officiate your ceremony. Once the pastor has been confirmed, we ask that you connect with them to schedule a time to meet before the wedding ceremony.

Ministers available to officiate weddings at Life Center :

Chad Johnson	Melanie Grassi
Roberto Tejada	Anson Dawkins
Barbara Kelley	Jacob Coyne
Eric Boles	Adam Barta
Tyler Sollie	Garrett Werner

Minister Fees : \$400

WEDDING VOW EXAMPLES

Example 1

Man : Do you **Groom** take this woman to be your wife? To live together in Holy Matrimony. Will you love here comfort her, HONOR and keep her in sickness and in health and forsaking all others give yourself only to her so long as you both shall live.

Woman : Do you **Bride** take this man to be your Husband? To live together in Holy Matrimony. Will you love him comfort him, Honor and keep him in sickness and in health and forsaking all others give yourself only to him so long as you both shall live.

I DO

Pastor to Groom : I, **Groom** take you **Bride**, to be my wife, I promise, to love, honor and cherish you. From this day forward, in good times and in bad. And I promise to be faithful to you, for as long as we live.

Pastor to Bride : I, **Bride** take you **Groom**, to be my wedded husband, I promise, to love, honor and cherish you. From this day forward, in good times and in bad. And I promise to be faithful to you, for as long as we live.

Example 2

Man : Do you **Groom** take **Bride** as your wife before God and these witnesses? To love her and honor her as Christ loves His Church? To forsake all others and seek the highest good for her according to the will and the inspiration of God?

I DO

Pastor to Groom : I, **Groom** take you **Bride**, to be my wedded wife, to have and to hold from this day forward, for better, for worse, for richer, for poorer, in sickness and in health, to love, cherish, with the breath, smiles and tears of all my life, till death shall separate us.

Woman : Do you **Bride** take **Groom** as your husband before God and these witnesses? To love him and honor him? To be his inspiration and companion? To seek the highest good for him according to the will and inspiration of God?

I DO

Pastor to Bride : I, **Bride** take you **Groom**, to be my wedded husband, to have and to hold from this day forward, for better, for worse, for richer, for poorer, in sickness and in health, to love, cherish, with the breath, smiles and tears of all my life, till death shall separate us.

WEDDING VOW EXAMPLES

Example 3

Man : Groom do you take **Bride**, as your wife, as your own flesh, to love her even as Christ loves the church, to protect her and care for her the rest of your lives?

I DO

Woman : Bride do you take **Groom** as your husband, submitting yourself to him as unto the Lord, showing reverence to him as the head of this union for the rest of your lives?

I DO

I **Groom**, take you **Bride** to be my wedded wife, to have and to hold from this day forward, for better, for worse, for richer, for poorer, in sickness and in health, to love and to cherish, until death do us part. According to God's Word, I leave my father and mother and I join myself to you to be a husband to you. From this moment forward we shall be one.

I **Bride**, take you **Groom** to be my wedded husband, to have and to hold from this day forward, for better, for worse, for richer, for poorer, in sickness and in health, to love and to cherish until death do us part. According to God's Word, I come along side you to be your wife. From this moment forward we shall be one.

Example 4

Man : Groom, do you take **Bride** as your wife, to love her, be kind, gentle and faithful to her even as Christ loves the Church, to protect her and care for her in times of joy and sorrow, for richer or for poorer, and in sickness or health the rest of your lives?

I DO

Turn to **Bride** & make this profession of your faith : I, **Groom**, according to the Word of God, unite myself to you, to be a husband to you, from this moment forward. we shall become one.

Woman : Bride, do you take **Groom** as your husband, showing respect and love, bringing him good not harm, standing by his side in times of joy and sorrow, for richer or for poorer, and in sickness or health for the rest of your lives?

I DO

Turn to **Groom** & make this profession of your faith : I, **Bride** according to the Word of God, pledge to be a wife to you, From this moment forward, we shall become one.

WEDDING CEREMONY OUTLINE EXAMPLE

Prelude Music

- Guests ushered in and seated

Mother of Bride escorted to seat

Mother of Groom escorted to seat

Processional of wedding party

Procession of Bride

Pastor welcomes guests

- Who gives this woman to be married to this man?

Pastor

- Prayer
- Message

Vows

Communion

Song

Unity Candle

Sign Marriage License

Pronouncement / Declaration

Kiss

Presentation of Husband & Wife

Postlude Music