



Spirit Renewal
MINISTRIES

MARRIAGE MINISTRY SERVICES

SRM provides specialized wedding services to couples in Eastern Canada.

Your wedding is a very special occasion as you join together with family and friends to publicly declare your love for each other and make life-long commitments as husband and wife. *We also preside at services for the renewal of marriage vows.* This brochure outlines our marriage ministry services as well as a sample marriage ceremony (Page 2, over).

Introduction

Spirit Renewal Ministries provides specialized marriage ministry services, and each wedding service is shaped to reflect the needs of the bride and groom and their families. Each marriage ceremony is custom designed according to the couple's unique situation. For couples renewing their marriage vows, the same care and attention is given to the celebration of the years spent together as they recommit their love to each other.

Your Wedding

Responsibilities of the Bride and Groom

1. Obtain a site to conduct the wedding ceremony. If the ceremony is to be held outdoors, an alternative site must be confirmed in the event of inclement weather.
2. Obtain your marriage license prior to the wedding rehearsal.

Responsibilities of Spirit Renewal Ministries

1. Initial visit with the couple.
2. Preparation of sample wedding services to be reviewed by the couple.
3. Wedding consultation with unlimited telephone support as needed.
4. Finalization of wedding vows with input from the couple.
5. Wedding rehearsal - ensure wedding service is complete, and where possible, attend rehearsal. Many wedding facilities look after the wedding rehearsals with the couples.

The Wedding

1. Services of the presiding minister. Couples have the choice of a male or female officiant.
2. Completion and submission of government registration paperwork.
3. Follow up pastoral call with the couple.

Financial Considerations

1. Wedding venue fees: as established by host church / venue.
2. Organist / soloists / musicians fees: as established by host church / soloist / musicians (if applicable).
3. Sexton fee: as established by host church / venue (if applicable).
4. Honorarium for Wedding Services: \$400 with a non-refundable down payment of \$100 due at the first meeting with the couple. The balance is payable before the wedding rehearsal, payable by cash or cheque to Spirit Renewal Ministries.
5. Disbursements: a) travel expenses, \$95 covers a portion of the officiant's out of pocket expenses for all meetings, rehearsal, and the wedding ceremony; b) other miscellaneous expenses, if and as directed by the wedding couple, payable by cash. For destination weddings: a) the honorarium payable to the ministry will be assessed for each unique location to accommodate incremental time and commitment; b) the couple is responsible for the officiant's travel and accommodation costs.
6. Honorarium for Renewal of Marriage Vows Service, \$300, payable by cash or cheque to Spirit Renewal Ministries. Out of pocket expenses per note # 5 above.
7. All fees and disbursements are payable prior to the wedding rehearsal; for Renewal of Vows, prior to the service.
8. For couples whose financial circumstances are modest, the ministry can make adjustments to accommodate the couples' needs.
9. Tax receipts will be issued for charitable donations to the ministry over and above the noted honorariums.

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SAMPLE MARRIAGE CEREMONY

Gathering

Prelude
Lighting the Family Candles (optional)
Processional
Greeting
Opening Prayer
Statement of Purpose
Question of Impediment
Declaration of Intent
Promises and/or Blessings by Family and Friends

Scripture Lessons

Prayer for Illumination
Scripture Readings
Sermon or Reflection (Optional)
Music (Optional)

Act of Covenanting

Invocation of the Spirit
Exchange of Vows
Exchange of Rings or Other Tokens
Kiss
Declaration
Blessing of the Couple
Prayer
Lighting the Covenant Candle (Optional)
Celebration of Communion (Optional)

Sending Forth

Signing of Documents
Presentation of the Couple
Blessing
Commissioning
Recessional

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Any contributions received as donations to the ministry in excess of the above noted schedule are eligible for a tax receipt for charitable donations.

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