

APPLICATION FOR CHRISTIAN MARRIAGE
For Ceremony Performed By Rev. Dustin Sedlak
KIRK OF THE KEYS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
8877 Overseas Hwy
Marathon, FL 33030

Congratulations on your upcoming wedding! Thank you for your interest in having your wedding with me! I will do everything possible to make your wedding and marriage as special as possible. Please help me by completing both pages and returning to the church office. When this application is received, the church office will then reserve your wedding date on the calendar. The date will not be finalized until the pastor agrees to perform the ceremony.

NAME OF BRIDE _____

Date of Birth _____

Address _____

Phone:(H) _____ (W) _____

E-Mail _____

Church Membership: Member of this church? YES _____ NO _____

In what congregation are you currently active?

Your current pastor's name, address, phone

Your Occupation _____

Any Previous Marriage? YES _____ NO _____

Parents' Names: _____

NAME OF GROOM _____

Date of Birth _____

Address _____

Phone: (H) _____ (W) _____

E-Mail _____

Church Membership: Member of this church? YES _____ NO _____

In what congregation are you currently active?

Your current pastor's name, address, phone

Your Occupation _____

Any Previous Marriage? YES _____ NO _____

Parents' Names _____

DATE OF CONTEMPLATED MARRIAGE _____

Time _____

Address Following Marriage:

*Organist _____

***DATE OF REHEARSAL** (see item J) _____ Time _____

Please continue on reverse side.

*Reception at the Church? YES _____ NO _____

Name of Caterer _____

Name of Florist _____

Name of Photographer _____

AGREEMENT

I have read and understand the policies regarding weddings held at Kirk of the Keys Presbyterian Church in Marathon, Florida; and I have read the policies from Rev. Sedlak.. I agree that I will abide by these policies and understand that failure to do so may result in the cancellation of my wedding at the Church as well as forfeiture of my security deposit.

Signature of **Bride**: _____

Date: _____

Signature of **Groom**: _____

Date: _____

Guidelines for Clergy Honoraria

Revised/effective September 1, 2011

How much to pay the pastor for his services?

A common question for those engaging the services of clergy for special occasions is, “What is the acceptable honorarium payment for a pastor performing a private ceremony such as a wedding or funeral?”

Recommended Honoraria donation for Rev. Dustin Sedlak

Weddings: \$400.00

Funerals: \$250.00

Explanation

Weddings:

Minimum Scenario: The officiating pastor will spend a bare minimum of three to four hours working on a wedding ceremony. This would include 1-3 hours at the rehearsal and 1-4 hours at the actual ceremony and reception, plus preparation time.

Maximum Scenario: A “full-service” wedding from the pastors’ side of things could include as much as 10 -20 hours of labor over a period of several weeks if premarital counseling is included.

Funerals:

Minimum Scenario: The officiating pastor will spend a bare minimum of two to four hours working on a funeral or memorial service. This would include 1-2 hours meeting with the bereaved and 1-2 hours at the actual ceremony and reception, plus preparation time.

Maximum Scenario: A “full-service” funeral from the pastors’ side of things could include as much as 5-10 hours of labor if counseling is included.

Rationale:

Few clergy are doing what they do simply for the money. However, other professionals with a similar level of training and experience often charge \$150 or more *per hour* for their services. While most pastors earn very modest salaries, they often they charge little or nothing up front for their service and expertise on these special occasions. A thoughtful and appreciative beneficiary of their services might do well to “honor” them by giving as generous an honorarium as their means allow.

10 Signs You Should Not be Getting Married in a Church

1. You find yourself asking the clergy to take all the references to Jesus out of the service.
2. You find yourself dreading your next meeting with the minister.
3. You find yourself dreading the service, worried that the minister will say something too religious.
4. You disagree with the core values of the church.
5. You find the core values of the church so uninteresting that you can just tune them out, no problem.
6. You are not a member of any faith community and neither one of you intends to be.
7. This location feels like a choice you both are making for somebody else, rather than for yourselves.
8. You and your partner have never talked about religion, and you have serious doubts that you will ever be able to.
9. This experience feels like just another wedding transaction, one more service provider to check off the list.
10. You can't wait for the reception.

10 Signs You Might be in the Right Place After All

1. You have drifted from the church, but as you prepare for your wedding you find yourself seeking a community of faith.
2. You enjoy meeting the minister and appreciate the chance to focus on matters of the spirit in the midst of wedding planning stress.
3. You have worshipped here and found yourself moved.
4. You want your marriage to be associated with this place and its core values.
5. You can imagine the members of this church holding you in prayer.
6. You sense that your marriage is about more than the two of you.
7. You find yourself praying.
8. This experience is causing you and your partner to talk about your faith and your aspirations for a faith community as a couple.
9. You don't have it all figured out yet, but this church feels like a blessing to start you on your way.
10. You can't wait for the wedding.