

**Getting Married at
Kawartha Community Church
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Getting Married: Kawartha Community Church

Congratulations! You are about to begin one of the most important stages of your life, and we want to provide as much help as we can.

Although not everything will apply to your personal situation, we hope the following information will help you think through some of the details involved in the wedding service, and give you a better understanding of how we approach marriage as envisioned by God.

KCC does not own a church building, so you will need to arrange a facility with all the details with the landlord of that facility.

Each pastor has the discretion to accept or decline involvement in any wedding. Attendance at KCC does not constitute an obligation on a pastor's part to perform a ceremony.

A pastor should be given lots of notice of the date of your wedding ceremony.

Pre-Marital Counselling

A Premarital Seminar is scheduled two or three times each year at Kawartha Community and the engaged couple is required to attend these workshops.

Because we are committed to building marriages and not simply performing weddings, we believe marriage preparation is vitally important. Therefore, under normal circumstances, several counselling sessions will be required for the engaged couple following the above workshop.

These sessions are for the benefit of the couple to be married, and will be chosen by the

pastor to suit their specific needs. In addition, each couple will be required to complete approximately 2-4 hours of assignments between appointments. The assignments should be seen as an investment of time and energy into a life-long relationship. Couples are requested to purchase assigned materials.

The Wedding Rehearsal

Normally, on the evening before the wedding, a rehearsal is held. All those in the wedding party should attend, including the ushers. The rehearsal will last about one hour. We have two basic guidelines for the wedding rehearsal:

We welcome and encourage your input about the ceremony during the planning stage, but you must try to avoid major last minute changes after the rehearsal. The officiating minister reports to the marrying couple and is required to fulfill their wishes in regarding the wedding ceremony.

The Wedding Ceremony

We hope the marriage ceremony will be a very joyful and meaningful service for you. At our church it is a service in which you as a couple, with your family and friends, consciously come before the living God and ask Him to guide and bless your life together.

That being the case, everything done in this ceremony should in accordance with the purpose and values of KCC and in concert with Canadian law.

Under Ontario law, no wedding may proceed if either the Bride or Groom is under the influence of drugs or alcohol.

Costs and fees

Fees for building/resource person and sound personnel should be discussed with the Events Coordinator at the time of booking. The church will arrange for these people.

Stuff we gotta know about your wedding:

Today's Date: _____

Names:

Bride _____

Brides Parent's names _____

Bridegroom _____

Grooms Parent's names _____

Maid of Honour _____

Best Man _____

Ushers

Bridesmaids

Ring Bearer/ Flower girl _____

Ages: _____

Locations and times

Date of Wedding _____

Location of Wedding _____

Rules they have about use of facility?

Time of Ceremony _____

Time of Reception _____

Location of Reception _____

Location of the Rehearsal _____

Time of Rehearsal _____

Rehearsal dinner? _____ What time? _____

Marriage Ceremony:

Music used and when in ceremony? _____

Vocalists names _____

Instrumentalists names _____

Recorded music _____

Have you arranged for sound equipment? _____

What are we using to amplify the ceremony (lapel mike, microphone or nothing)?

Will you be having communion in the service? _____

What vows would you like to use (Are you writing your own)?

List what you would envision for the ceremony:

Processional

Giving in marriage

Scripture reading: (What text?):

Message

Vows and exchange of rings

Signing of the register

Announcements

Recessional

Thank you!

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