



### Bethany Wedding Officiate Request Form

Congratulations on your engagement! We wish you the very best and look forward to working with you to help make your wedding day a cherished memory. To assist in finding a Bethany Pastor for your wedding please read and fill out the following information.

#### Preparing for Your Wedding Day

##### *Premarital Class and Counseling*

The officiating pastor, wishing to contribute to the success and happiness of your marriage, will **require** your participation in a Premarital Class before your wedding. Bethany's class is offered during the Fall, Winter, and Spring quarters along with an abbreviated Summer class. Premarital counseling consists of seven class sessions and two individual counseling sessions with the marrying pastor (or Marriage Ministry team if marrying pastor is not available).

You also have the option of arranging for outside individual premarital counseling or class to meet this premarital counseling requirement.

The couple will be asked to participate in an on-line "Prepare-Enrich Couple Inventory" (\$35/couple) as an assessment tool to aid the pastors in the premarital counseling process.

There are many ways to have a wedding, but we take seriously inviting the Lord to bless your marriage within the church. Therefore, Pastors at Bethany do not marry people living together (I Thess. 4:3-6, I Cor. 6:9-10), same sex couples (Gen 2:24), or those who are "unequally yoked" (2 Cor. 6:12-20).

The officiating pastor reserves the right to decline participation in the wedding if the premarital counseling reveals significant concerns. Every attempt will be made to ascertain this as early as possible in the premarital counseling process.

#### 1. Bride's Information

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Mobile Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Home Church: \_\_\_\_\_ Member/Attender? \_\_\_\_\_ Since: \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have a personal relationship with Jesus Christ? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_ Uncertain \_\_\_

Have you been baptized? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

#### 2. Groom's Information

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Mobile Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Church: \_\_\_\_\_ Member/Attender? \_\_\_\_\_ Since: \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have a personal relationship with Jesus Christ? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_ Uncertain \_\_\_

Have you been baptized? Yes \_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_

**3. Ceremony**

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Time: \_\_\_\_\_

Location: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

**Reception**

Location: \_\_\_\_\_ Time: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

**4. Rehearsal**

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Time: \_\_\_\_\_

Location: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

**5. Officiating Minister**

Please let us know if you would like to request a specific pastor:

Pastor Richard Dahlstrom is unavailable to officiate weddings at the discretion of the council.

No preference (quickest option)

**Green Lake Pastors:**

Pastor Don Riggs       Pastor Phil Maulding       Pastor Resident

Pastor Megan Dobrasz       Pastor Nancy Eckardt

**Location Pastors:**

West Seattle                      North Seattle                      Ballard

Pastor Prentice Park       Pastor Scott Sund       Pastor Brad Thayer

East Side                      Northeast

Pastor Travis Fletcher       Pastor Jack Brace

**6. Couple's Information**

- o Have you participated in premarital counseling? Yes \_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_
  - When/Where? \_\_\_\_\_
- o As a couple, have you been living together? Yes \_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_
  - Since: \_\_\_\_\_
- o Have either of you been married before? Yes \_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_
  - Explain: \_\_\_\_\_

**7. How did you hear about Bethany Community Church?**

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**8. Are you involved with any Bethany Ministries?**

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Bride's signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Groom's signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Is there anything else you would like to share?

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Additional Information:

If you have a BCC pastor conducting your ceremony at an off-site location, the fees should be discussed with your pastor.

Be sure to consider: days off are Friday and Saturday for pastors, travel time and mileage to event, individual premarital counseling sessions, and rehearsal requirements.