

CHURCH WEDDING POLICY AND GUIDELINES

On applying to be married *BY* and/or *IN* the Church...

The officiating of weddings and the use of church facilities for wedding ceremonies are privileges extended to members of Living Sanctuary Brethren Church.

Certain requirements are also in place as part of the church leadership's intention to...

- extend this service to couples while taking care of the interests of other members of the congregation
- go beyond conducting the wedding and help couples build strong Christian marriages and families

1. Eligibility for application to be married by the Church:

- 1.1 *Both* parties must be baptized believers
- 1.2 *Both* parties must have undergone Marriage Preparation Course (MPC) conducted by LSBC.
- 1.3 *Both* parties must have been attending Sunday worship service regularly and contributing to Church life.
- 1.4 *At least one party must be* a member of a DJ Cell in LSBC who has been regular in cell meetings and actively involved in cell life for at least 1 year.
- 1.5 *Cell Leader (in consultation with MPC mentors), recommends the couple to be married by the church*

The final decision lies with the Elders Board whether or not the marriage will be solemnized by the church. This shall be considered on a case-by-case basis.

2. Eligibility for application for use of Church premises for wedding:

- 2.1 Satisfy all the conditions in S/N 1
- 2.2 At least one party must have been serving actively in a ministry for at least 1 year

The above-mentioned criteria are *necessary but not sufficient* for eligibility. Final approval rests with the Elders Board.

3. Marriage Preparation Course (MPC) conducted by the Church

- 3.1 MPC is essential equipping for seriously courting couples who are planning to marry. It is available to LSBC members who have been attending a DJ Cell for at least 1 year.
- 3.2 MPC conducted by LSBC is a requirement for any application to be married by the Church and/or application for use of Church premises for the wedding.
- 3.3 Couples intending to get married should attend the MPC Briefing as a pre-requisite for MPC.
- 3.4 Only after completion of the course, and with the approval of the MPC mentors, should couples then proceed with the booking of Church premises and other arrangements.

4. Further Clarification

Please contact our Family Life Co-ordinator if you have further queries.