

CHURCH WEDDING POLICY AND GUIDELINES

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

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

Certain requirements are also put 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 *At least one party* must be attending Sunday worship service regularly in LSBC.
- 1.4 *At least one party* must be attending a DJ Cell in LSBC for at least 1 year.
- 1.5 *The Zone Pastor (in consultation with MPC mentors)* is to endorse the couple's application to be married by the church-licensed solemnizer.

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 Couples intending to get married should attend the MPC Briefing as a pre-requisite for MPC.
- 3.2 MPC is essential equipping for seriously courting couples who are planning to marry. *At least one party must* have been attending a DJ Cell regularly for at least 6 months.
- 3.3 MPC conducted by LSBC is a requirement for any wedding to be conducted by the church licensed solemnizer.
- 3.4 Upon completion of at least 5 sessions, and with the approval of the MPC mentors, the couple may proceed to make booking of Church premises or other venue. Please email to Family Life Coordinator to check on availability of wedding date and submit Wedding Application Form for wedding held in church premises.

4. Further Clarification

Please contact our Family Life Coordinator, Ms Bridget Teng at (bridgetteng@lsbc.org.sg) if you have further queries.