

## **WILMOT UNITED CHURCH**

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Congratulations on your decision to get married! We are pleased that you are considering a wedding at Wilmot United where we believe in and support an open marriage policy in which two people can marry in a committed and loving partnership.

We believe that marriage is a sacred union and the marriage ceremony, itself, is a service of blessing and an opportunity to celebrate your loving relationship. We look forward to working with you to ensure a meaningful and memorable event.

To assist you in your planning, we ask that you read and consider carefully the following information.

### **Getting started:**

1. Contact our Ministers within a reasonable length of time for the planning that is required as well as to secure the date you desire.
2. Obtain and complete a Marriage Information Form available from the Minister. The form may be completed during the meeting with the Minister or in advance of the meeting.
3. Be prepared to discuss date, location, music arrangements, fees and any special request at this first meeting.
4. Following the meeting the Minister will present your request to the Worship Committee for approval.
5. The Minister will inform you of the Worship Committee's decision and a second meeting will be scheduled.

### **Who can be married?**

Any couple wishing to be married in a Christian community within a spiritual context, regardless of their age, culture, life situation, religion, sexual orientation, gender identity, race or physical ability. If you are under eighteen years of age the Province will require written consent from a parent or guardian. People who are divorced will be required to show proof of the divorce in order to obtain a marriage licence.

The Marriage Licence can be applied for through Service New Brunswick. It is important to allow sufficient time to obtain your licence

as the wedding ceremony cannot take place without it. However, no marriage shall be solemnized under the authority of a licence unless the marriage takes place within three months from the day on which the licence was issued.

Since the Wedding Service is first of all a service of Christian worship:

1. Music and readings shall be chosen in consultation with the presiding clergy.
2. Any photographer or videographer shall consult with the Minister.
- 3 A rehearsal is usually necessary. All members of the wedding party are asked to attend.
4. In consideration for our janitorial staff and the environment, we ask that you refrain from using confetti or rice in the sanctuary, or on the church grounds.
5. A Schedule of Fees is available from the Minister.
6. Be sure the church secretary is informed of your wedding date so it is noted on the church calendar.