

PLANNING A WEDDING

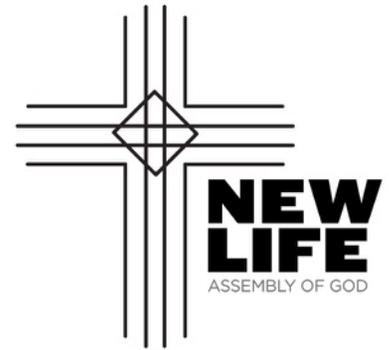
AT NEW LIFE ASSEMBLY OF GOD





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Hey love birds! Congratulations on your upcoming wedding. Thank you for considering New Life Assembly of God as you begin this new journey together. We are honored by your interest in our facilities and services for your big day. Our desire is to serve and assist you in any way possible before, during and after your wedding. We pray that God's presence will be felt, not only on the special day, but also through the entirety of this process.

Please know we are here to help you with more than the wedding day. As pastors, we take very seriously our role in helping you prepare for your future together. That is why the marriage preparation and counseling procedures at New Life are required and intensive. We applaud you and your future spouse for choosing to make this essential investment in your relationship and future happiness. Furthermore, we are available to you after your wedding. Our offices are open to you as you both strive to honor God in your marriage. After all, we do not only want you to have the best wedding possible, but also the best marriage possible.

The purpose of this manual is to provide the answers to any questions you may have regarding our policies and available facilities. Additionally, we have provided the necessary contact person in each step for your convenience. Please carefully fill out each work sheet so we may be better equipped to serve you.

If you do have any questions along the way, please contact our Administrative Assistant at 608.756.4175 or email nlag@nlag.net.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Cameron Rebarck", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Cameron Rebarck, Family Life Pastor



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Note: Our Administrative Assistant should be your first contact to give you the proper information and to schedule meetings with the Family Life Pastor and Wedding Liaison as needed.

When your wedding is at New Life Assembly of God, your Wedding Liaison will:

- Check availability and reserve the facility for your rehearsal and wedding;
- Check availability and reserve props and decorations;
- Contact custodial team regarding setup and teardown needs;
- Contact tech teams regarding lighting and video needs;
- Contact sound team regarding rehearsal and ceremony needs.



Planning Checklist

6+ months prior to the ceremony:

- Submit your Facilities Request Form. This is located on page 15 or can be downloaded from our website at nlag.net/weddings.
- Pay your Wedding Ceremony deposit (20 percent of total cost) to secure your wedding date and facility.
- Schedule a meeting with your Wedding Liaison to begin wedding planning and overview.
- Schedule PREPARE/ENRICH Inventory with Family Life Pastor. At this time, you will need to pay the \$35.00 fee associated with the inventory. This is your premarital counseling as detailed below.

3-6 months prior to the ceremony:

- Schedule an initial appointment with Family Life Pastor after the PREPARE/ENRICH inventory.
 - Session 1
 - Session 2
 - Session 3
 - Session 4
 - Session 5
 - Session 6
 - Session 7
- Schedule a meeting with your Wedding Liaison to finalize the details, review the policies and procedures, check our available decorations, and to answer any questions.

6 weeks prior to the ceremony:

- Schedule a meeting with the Officiating Minister to discuss service order, vows and other wedding ceremony wishes.
- Apply for, and receive, your marriage license.
- Pay remaining balance at least two weeks prior to the wedding ceremony.
- Have your rehearsal the day before the ceremony.
- Get married!

Decorating Date/Time: _____

Rehearsal Date/Time: _____

Wedding Date/Time: _____



Our View on Marriage

At New Life Assembly of God, we believe that God designed the marriage relationship and, therefore, He knows best how to build a marriage that will last a lifetime. We value the Word of God and what it tells us about marriage. The Bible clearly commands that marriage is only between one man and one woman. All other marriage relationships are unbiblical. New Life Assembly of God defines marriage as a relationship between one man and one woman. Based upon this principle, our facilities may only be used for the ceremony of marriage of one man and one woman. Furthermore, if we hope to experience joy and fulfillment in our marriage, we need to adhere to the basic principles of marriage that the Bible outlines. Because we are committed to building healthy marriages that can go the distance, we present the following guidelines:

- 1. We value the permanence of marriage.** It is the desire of New Life that your marriage models the Biblical relationship between Jesus Christ and the church (Ephesians 5). By His example, marriage is to be a covenant relationship characterized by joy, intimacy and permanence.
- 2. We recommend six months of marital preparation.** This allows plenty of time for you to schedule, and attend, several required premarital sessions. Additionally, this allows time for the planning and preparation needed for your future.
- 3. We value the spiritual lives of the couples we marry.** Our desire, and the Lord's desire (2 Corinthians 6:14), is that both individuals have surrendered their lives to Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior. This is the necessary foundation to establishing a Christian home.
- 4. We value the Biblical definition of purity.** That is why we ask that the couple remain celibate and not live together at any time prior to the wedding. This is also a protection for you against divorce, as research has found that couples who live together have a higher divorce rate than those who do not.

In conclusion, these guidelines have been created based upon New Life's belief in God's plan for marriage and are meant to encourage, protect, and strengthen the couple's commitment to Christ. Due to the nature of interpersonal relationship and individual levels of maturity, there may be exceptions to these guidelines. These exceptions will be determined on an individual basis by our pastors.



Wedding Liaison Roles

1. Please note that our Wedding Liaison is different from a Wedding Coordinator. The New Life Wedding Liaison is not involved in the process of finding the right cake, the flowers, the reception hall, etc. Rather, the Liaison will be available for your calls and questions pertaining to our facility and provisions for the ceremony. She will act as the “go-between” for you and New Life Assembly of God.
2. The New Life Wedding Liaison will give you a tour of the facility (if you wish) on your first appointment with her. She will also go over the guidelines and policies stated in this handbook. She will process the application and discuss the details of this Wedding Manual in advance of the wedding.
3. Fees for the Liaison are included in the pricing structure. The Liaison will be there for any questions that you have along the way. She will also be present at both the rehearsal and the wedding ceremony to help you with those last minute questions.

If you need to contact our Wedding Liaison, please use the information below:

Attn: Wedding Liaison
Abigail Rebarck
2416 N Wright Road
Janesville, WI 53546
ac.rebarck@gmail.com



Facilities and Pricing

Facility Options and Fees

	Room #105	New Life Cross Patio	New Life Center	Sanctuary	New Life Pavilion
Attendees	\$200.00	\$300.00	\$400.00	\$500.00	\$600.00
No Affiliation	\$400.00	\$600.00	\$800.00	\$1000.00	\$1200.00

The following venues are available for wedding ceremony use:

- **Room #105:** seats up to 50 people
- **New Life Cross Patio:** seats up to 40 people
- **New Life Center:** seats up to 100 people
- **Sanctuary:** seats up to 400 people
- **New Life Pavilion:** seats up to 300 people

Included in the price of the facilities are a sound technician (where applicable), your Wedding Liaison, your Officiating Minister, a custodian, a bride's room, a groom's room and a color scheme for the stage lighting in the New Life Center or Sanctuary (if desired).

The bride and her attendants may dress for the wedding in Room #102 and Room #103. One full-length mirror will be provided. A garment rack will also be provided as well as arrangements to hang the wedding gown. There is a bathroom conveniently located between the two rooms.

The groom and his attendants may prepare for the ceremony in Room #105. There is a bathroom conveniently located next to the room.

Additional Fees: New Life Assembly of God requires premarital counseling for all weddings at the church. You may schedule the sessions with our Family Life Pastor for the price of \$35.00. This is a total cost for the PREPARE/ENRICH inventory and the following 6-7 sessions. If premarital counseling is provided elsewhere, a written letter confirming such must be provided.

If you would prefer the stage to be cleared of its equipment, there is an additional \$50.00 charge assessed. However, we do have a white curtain backdrop freely available to hide the equipment from view at your request.

New Life Assembly of God does not provide musicians and singers. However, if you are in need of recommendations, please contact our office. Any fees for musicians or singers will be determined by the performer and should be paid directly to the performer either prior to your event or when services are rendered.

Attendee Rate: To qualify for the attendee rate, a member of the wedding couple must be an active attendee of New Life, meaning they regularly give or serve as a volunteer at New Life.

No Affiliation Rate: This rate is for the general public who do not regularly attend, serve or give at New Life. All weddings of those with no affiliation to New Life must be approved by the Family Life Pastor to ensure consistent theological and doctrinal beliefs of New Life.



Receptions and Pricing

Facility Options and Fees

	New Life Gymnasium	New Life Center	New Life Pavilion
Attendees	\$150.00	\$250.00	\$500.00
No Affiliation	\$300.00	\$500.00	\$1,000.00

The following venues are available for reception use:

- **New Life Gymnasium:** seats up to 250 people
- **New Life Center:** seats up to 100 people
- **New Life Pavilion:** seats up to 300 people

Included in the price of the facilities are tables, chairs and a sound system. We do not provide a sound technician during the reception, so please ensure you meet with our staff to familiarize yourself with the equipment. The New Life Gymnasium is reserved for attendees of New Life Assembly of God. All reservations for the reception facilities must be arranged and confirmed through the Wedding Liaison when the wedding date is set.

In order to prepare the facilities for ongoing ministry and as a courtesy to our neighbors, all receptions must be completed before 8:00pm. To accommodate for the transition of our facilities, we recommend the reception to be scheduled at least three hours from the beginning of your wedding ceremony.

In the event of inclement weather during an outside wedding and/or reception, we will provide a comparable facility inside. Only changes made at least a week prior to the wedding will constitute a refund.

Please note the reception facilities are reserved for eating and fellowship only. We do not allow dancing in the church facilities.



Wedding Rehearsals

Please plan for your rehearsal to last approximately an hour to an hour and a half. It is very important that the entire wedding party arrive on time. Please have all the participants arrive 15 minutes before the rehearsal time. Make sure everyone knows the exact location of the church and allow plenty of travel time. You may wish to mail reminder cards to all participants two weeks before the rehearsal.

Typically, the rehearsal includes the wedding party, parents, musicians and anyone else participating in the ceremony. The Officiating Minister will conduct the wedding rehearsal, and the Wedding Liaison will be present for any questions you may have.



Event Commemoration



Your wedding is an incredibly important event in your lives, and you may wish to commemorate this occasion in a special way. We offer two different options at the church for such commemoration. You may choose to purchase a brick to place along the walkway between the pavilion and the cross. Bricks are three lines with 20 characters per line; they are priced at \$150 each. An example of a brick and what you might include is provided to the left. If you wish to purchase a brick, please contact the front office.



Rules and Regulations

If the Wedding Party desires a clergy person to help with or officiate in the service other than one of the New Life Assembly of God pastors, he or she will need prior approval from the Senior Pastor.

The use of nails, screws or staples in decorating is not permitted. Please consult with the Wedding Liaison prior to any decorating to ensure proper usage and to avoid any additional damage fees.

Only dripless candles are allowed, and we ask they are placed only in the front of the sanctuary. All flowers and any decorations must be removed immediately following the wedding ceremony. The Wedding Party is responsible for their florist and all wedding decorations. The runner for the center aisle, should you choose to have one, should be 75 feet long.

The church may be decorated for specific holidays (Christmas, Easter, etc.) during your event. These decorations may not be relocated or removed without prior consent. If permission is granted, items must be returned.

No food or beverages are permitted in spaces used for wedding ceremonies. Water is permitted. Alcohol or illegal drug use is not allowed on the premises, indoors or outdoors, including the parking lot.

Church furniture may not be rearranged or relocated to other areas without prior permission from the Wedding Liaison or Family Life Pastor. If permission is granted, items must be returned to their original location.

Confetti, glitter, candy, rice, etc., are not to be thrown in the church or on the premises. Bird seed or bubbles, however, are permissible **outside** of the building.

For any receptions or celebrations, no dancing is allowed on the premises. If music is played during the ceremony, either live performance or prerecorded, it must be appropriate for the event and church and approved by the pastoral staff.

If external vendors are used (photographers, musicians, catering, etc.), the wedding party is responsible to ensure each vendor is properly bonded or insured and may be required to provide proof of coverage.

You will assume all financial liability for any damage to property or excessive trash on the grounds, or damage to church equipment caused by you, vendors or your guests. This is in addition to the basic wedding fee. It is understood and agreed that in consideration of the use of facilities, you hold the church harmless for any liability or property damage. You will assume responsibility and liability for your guests or any external vendors who are admitted to any part of the church facilities and/or grounds.



Audio and Visual

If you would like to show a slideshow, the presentation must be received by the rehearsal (one day prior to the wedding ceremony) in video format. Our projector screens' dimensions are 16' x 10'. Please take this into consideration when preparing your slideshow.

The sanctuary's sound system is available with a sound technician for your wedding. The sound technician will be available 30 minutes prior to the wedding rehearsal for a sound check and 45 minutes prior to the wedding for a sound check.

We can supply microphones and sound equipment for your singers/musicians. We will make an audio recording on CD of your ceremony. Although we will do our best, we are unable to guarantee the quality of this recording.

We can play recorded or CD music, if desired, during the ceremony, pre-service or postlude.

Please remember, as you make your plans, that this ceremony is a sacred occasion. As such, it calls for thoughtful and appropriate planning. "Secular" music is often used, but it should be in good taste, complimenting the sacredness of the ceremony. Both the lyric and style of music should be carefully considered when you make your selections. It would seem fit that at least some of the music be of a religious nature.

As this is your wedding, it is appropriate that you have the opportunity to make selections of music that will be special to you. Vocal selections are often presented during such times as the lighting of candles, the seating of the mothers (or other family) or the pulling of the aisle runner. Songs during the ceremony are frequently at such points as after the vows, at the time of the lighting of a unity candle or during a prayer time.

All musical selections for use in the wedding ceremony must be approved (both lyric and music) by the pastoral staff at New Life Assembly of God. This also applies to any wedding reception held at New Life.

Photographs may be taken prior to and following the ceremony depending upon your preference. However, you will need to talk with your photographer to determine the amount of time that you will need as you plan your wedding schedule. Remember to schedule your florist's delivery with your photography schedule in mind.

If you plan to have photos taken before the ceremony, you should begin an hour and a half before the wedding and should be finished a minimum of 45 minutes before the wedding begins. The wedding party may return to the sanctuary for photographs after the ceremony. Please inform the Wedding Liaison regarding your schedule for photos.



Marriage License Info

Fee: Check with Rock County for the most current fee. No checks, credit cards or debit cards are accepted. Payment is due upon application and is nonrefundable.

Apply: The bride and groom apply together and in person. If either party lives in Wisconsin, apply in the county where one or both parties have physically resided for at least 30 days prior to the date of application. The license may then be used to marry in any county in Wisconsin. If both parties live out of state, apply in the county where the ceremony will take place.

When to Apply: Application is made at least (6) six full calendar days before the license may be issued. You must then use your license within the next (30) thirty days.

Requirements: Each person must provide...

- Arrangements for your wedding **prior** to applying for a marriage license. Please bring the name, address and telephone number of the person performing your ceremony.
- Photo I.D. **and** Social Security number. If applicant has never been issued a Social Security number, the space will be marked "none."
- Proof of where you have physically lived for the 30 days prior to application, such as a driver's license, lease, utility bill or bank statement. You must also know the name of the city, village or township and county where you reside.
- Certified birth certificate issued by the state or county where born. Birth certificate must be legible, not tattered and torn. **The hospital birth certificate is NOT acceptable.** If born outside the United States, a passport, green card, or naturalization papers may be used in lieu of a birth certificate. **Photocopies of birth certificates are NOT acceptable.** If your birth certificate does not include full names of parents and mother's maiden name, you will need to find this out before coming to apply.
- If previously married we must see a judgment of divorce, legal annulment, or death certificate from the most recent marriage. **Divorced persons may not remarry until six months + one day after the granting of the judgment of divorce, regardless of where the action took place.**
- The legal age for marriage in Wisconsin is 18. If an applicant is 16 or 17 years of age, a consent form needs to be signed by the parents or guardian before the County Clerk.
- If one or both of the applicants don't speak English, a third party needs to interpret at the time of application. Couples cannot translate for each other.

Where to Apply: Marriage licenses are issued in the Rock County Clerk's Office, Courthouse, 51 S. Main Street, Janesville, Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. They are open during the noon hour.

If you have any other questions, please call the County Clerk's Office at (608) 757-5660 during regular business hours, or visit <http://www.co.rock.wi.us/cclerk-marriage-license-applications>.



Expense Checklist

Bride's Name (as pastor will refer to you for your vows): _____

Address: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Email: _____ Regular Attender Non-Attender

Groom's Name (as pastor will refer to you for your vows): _____

Address: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Email: _____ Regular Attender Non-Attender

Wedding Date: _____ Time: _____

Set Up Date: _____ Time: _____

Rehearsal Date: _____ Time: _____

If the Officiating Minister is invited to attend:

Rehearsal Dinner Location: _____ Time: _____

Reception Location: _____ Time: _____

Anticipated Attendance: _____ Number of attendants for each bride and groom: _____

WEDDING FACILITIES REQUESTED:

- | | | |
|---|---|----------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Room #105 | New Life Regular Attender - \$200.00 | Non-Attender - \$400.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> New Life Cross Patio | New Life Regular Attender - \$300.00 | Non-Attender - \$600.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> New Life Center | New Life Regular Attender - \$400.00 | Non-Attender - \$800.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sanctuary | New Life Regular Attender - \$500.00 | Non-Attender - \$1,000.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> New Life Pavilion | New Life Regular Attender - \$600.00 | Non-Attender - \$1,200.00 |

RECEPTION FACILITIES REQUESTED:

- | | | |
|---|---|----------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> New Life Gymnasium | New Life Regular Attender - \$150.00 | Non-Attender - \$300.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> New Life Center | New Life Regular Attender - \$250.00 | Non-Attender - \$500.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> New Life Pavilion | New Life Regular Attender - \$500.00 | Non-Attender - \$1,000.00 |

ADDITIONAL FEES CHOSEN:

Stage Clear Fee

New Life Regular Attender - **\$50.00**

Non-Attender - **\$100.00**

Commemorating Brick

New Life Regular Attender - **\$150.00**

Non-Attender - **\$150.00**

TOTAL: _____ **20% DEPOSIT:** _____ **RECEIVED BY:** _____

We agree with the amount determined for the fees and services for our wedding at New Life. The non-refundable deposit is due when we reserve the date for the church. Our balance will be paid in full, at least two weeks prior to our wedding date.

Groom's Signature: _____ **Bride's Signature:** _____

* A regular attender is defined as an individual who is actively involved at New Life Assembly of God. They must display regular attendance and regular contributions to the church body.



Facilities Request Form

Wedding of _____ and _____ on _____

Estimated Attendance: _____

Please reserve: Room #105 New Life Cross Patio New Life Center Sanctuary New Life Pavilion

Officiating Minister Desired: _____

Pianist: _____ Soloist: _____

Soloist: _____ Soloist: _____

Rehearsal Date: _____ **Time:** _____

Location of Rehearsal Dinner: _____

Decorating Date: _____ **Time:** _____

Please reserve: New Life Gymnasium New Life Pavilion Off Site (indicate below)

Reception Date: _____ Time: _____

Location of Rehearsal Dinner: _____

Estimated Attendance: _____

Special instructions for the Officiating Minister: _____

Special instructions for the custodian: _____

We understand the policies and agree to comply with the requirements of New Life Assembly of God regarding church weddings and receptions. *Please sign below and return this form to the church office along with your deposit.*

Bride's Signature

Groom's Signature

Date



Music Planning Form

Wedding Date: _____ **Time:** _____

Rehearsal Date: _____ **Time:** _____

Bride's Name: _____ **Phone Number:** _____

Groom's Name: _____ **Phone Number:** _____

Do you plan to have music? *(Be sure to contact all who are involved well in advance.)*

Before: Yes No

During: Yes No

After: Yes No

Names of recorded music:

Location of song in order of service:

Pianist: _____

Soloist: _____

Soloist: _____

Other Musician: _____

Are you using recorded accompaniment? Yes No

Special Music (Names of Songs):

Other special audio needs: _____



Officiant's Form

Wedding Date: _____ **Time:** _____

Rehearsal Date: _____ **Time:** _____

Bride's Name: _____ Church Member First Marriage

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____ **Email:** _____

Groom's Name: _____ Church Member First Marriage

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____ **Email:** _____

Maid/Matron of Honor: _____ **Best Man:** _____

Bridal Attendant: _____ **Groom Attendant:** _____

Usher: _____ **Usher:** _____

Ring Bearer: _____ **Flower Girl:** _____

Pianist: _____ **Soloist:** _____

Soloist: _____ **Other Musician:** _____

Who will seat the bride's parents? _____

Who will seat the groom's parents? _____

Will grandparents be seated separately? Yes No

Is the seating: Separated by bride and groom Mixed Sides

Will there be an aisle runner? Yes No



Sample Components

Are you unsure of how to start planning your wedding ceremony? Hopefully these samples give you a jump start!

Sample Ceremony Order

Below is a typical ceremony order that includes common elements couples ask for in their service. These parts can be moved around, added to or (in some cases) eliminated altogether. As it stands, the ceremony below is approximately 30-35 minutes in length.

- Processional (Family Seating, Bridal Party and Bride Entrance)
- Welcome
- Prayer
- Song/Special Music (optional)
- Reading
- Pastoral Comments/Homily
- Declaration of Intent
- Exchange of Vows
- Exchange of Rings
- Unity Candle/Unity Sand/Other Special Moment (optional)
- Prayer of Blessing
- Pronouncement of Marriage
- Introduction of Couple
- Recessional

Sample Declaration of Intent

- A) Do you, _____, take this (man/woman), whose hand you now hold, to be your beloved (husband/wife)? And, do you solemnly promise before God and these witnesses to love, honor, cherish and protect (him/her), and forsaking all others keep yourself only for (him/her) as long as you both shall live?
- B) I _____, take you _____, to be my wedded (husband/wife). To have and to hold, from this day forward, for better, for worse, for richer, for poorer, in sickness or in health, to love and to cherish 'till death do us part. And hereto I pledge you my faithfulness.
- C) _____, will you have _____ to be your (wife/husband), to live together as friend and mate? Will you love (her/him) as a person, respect (him/her) as an equal, sharing joy as

well as sorrow, triumph as well as defeat. And keep (her/him) beside you as long as you both shall live?

- D) _____, is it your will to have this (woman/man) to be your (wife/husband), to live together in the covenant of marriage? Is it your will to love (her/him), in sickness and in health; and, forsaking all others to be faithful to (her/him) as long as you both shall live?
- E) I, _____, take you _____ to be my (husband/wife), before God who brought us together; to love and cherish you even as Christ loved the Church and gave Himself for it, to lead you and share all of life's experiences with you by following God through them. That through His grace, _____, we might grow together into the likeness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
- F) _____ and _____, having heard these words of instruction and admonition concerning love and marriage, do you now consent to be faithful to the obligations of this sacred relationship as long as you both shall live?

Sample Vows

- A) _____, I promise before God, our family and our friends to be your loving and faithful (wife/husband); to share my life with you in wealth and in poverty, in sickness and in health, in good times and in bad times, for as long as we both shall live.
- B) _____, do you take _____ to be your wedded (wife/husband)? And in the presence of these witnesses do you vow that you will do everything in your power to make your love for (her/him) a growing part of your life? Will you continue to strengthen it from day to day and week to week with the best resources of your (womanhood/manhood)? Will you stand by (her/him) in sickness and in health, in poverty and in wealth, and will you shun all others and keep yourself to (her/him) alone as long as you both shall live?
- C) _____, will you have _____ to be your wedded (wife/husband), to live together in covenant of faith, hope, and love according to the intention of God for your lives together in Jesus Christ? Will you listen to (her/his) inmost thoughts, be considerate and tender in your care of (her/him), and stand by (her/him) faithfully in sickness and in health, and, preferring (her/him) above all others, accept full responsibility for (her/his) every necessity for as long as you both shall live?
- D) _____, will you have _____ to be your wedded (wife/husband), to live together after God's ordinance in the holy estate of matrimony? Will you love, honor, comfort, and keep (her/him) in sickness and in health, in prosperity and in adversity, forsaking all others, keeping yourself only for (her/him) as long as you both shall live?
- E) _____, are you ready to take _____ as your (wife/husband), to live together with (him/her) in a growing marriage relationship? Will you covenant with (him/her) to be partners in life in such a way that together you will meet every situation of life; the peaceful and the chaotic, the routine and the exciting, the sorrowful and the joyful, the threatening and the inviting? Will

you love (her/him), affirm (her/him), and commit yourself to (her/him) in the marriage relationship as long as you both shall live?

Sample Ring Vows

- A) _____, I give you this ring as a symbol of our vows, and with all that I am, and all that I have, I honor you. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, with this ring, I wed thee.
- B) _____ with this ring I symbolize our union as husband and wife, for today, tomorrow and all the years to come. Please wear it as a reminder of our deep and abiding love.
- C) This ring is the sign of my promise, and I give it to you in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- D) I give you this ring as a token and pledge of my constant faith and abiding love.
- E) _____, will you accept this token of _____ love for you, and will you wear it as a token of your love for (her/him)?