

**Wedding Request Form- Chaplain, USCG Base Elizabeth City/ Sector North Carolina**

<i>Date of Request:</i>	<i>Date of Wedding:</i>	<i>Date of Engagement:</i>	<i>Wedding Location:</i>
<i>Service Member/Sponsor Name:</i>		<i>Spouse Name:</i>	
<i>Service Member Email:</i>		<i>Service Member Phone Number:</i>	
<i>Religious Background Groom:</i>		<i>Religious Background of Bride:</i>	

***Bride and Groom please answer thoughtfully the below questions in area provided or on separate sheet. This is not to determine eligibility, but to ensure thoughtful preparation.***

***1. Give me a brief history of your relationship (When you met? How long you have dated? When were you engaged?, etc.)***

***2. Were either of you married or engaged before? If yes, give amplifying details as to reasons for the ending of the engagement of marriage?***

***3. What are important things you learned about marriage from your parent's relationship (examples you want to follow or change)?***

***4. What is your definition of a husband?***

***5. What is your definition of a wife?***

***6. Why did you choose to get married to each other?***

***7. What role does your Christian faith play in your life? What role will your Christian faith play in your marriage?***

**Below is the Description of Marriage used in the wedding service and the Declaration of Intent and Vows that you will be asked to make during the ceremony (Taken from the Book of Common Prayer, 1979).**

Dearly beloved: We have come together in the presence of God to witness and bless the joining together of this man and this woman in Holy Matrimony. The bond and covenant of marriage was established by God in creation, and our Lord Jesus Christ adorned this manner of life by his presence and first miracle at a wedding in Cana of Galilee. It signifies to us the mystery of the union between Christ and his Church, and Holy Scripture commends it to be honored among all people.

The union of husband and wife in heart, body, and mind is intended by God for their mutual joy; for the help and comfort given one another in prosperity and adversity; and, when it is God's will, for the procreation of children and their nurture in the knowledge and love of the Lord. Therefore marriage is not to be entered into unadvisedly or lightly, but reverently, deliberately, and in accordance with the purposes for which it was instituted by God.

<b>Declaration of Intent</b>	<b>Marriage Vows</b>
<p><i>Bride</i>, will you have this man to be your husband; to live together in the covenant of marriage? Will you love him, comfort him, honor and keep him, in sickness and in health; and, forsaking all others, be faithful to him as long as you both shall live? <i>I will</i></p> <p><i>Groom</i>, will you have this woman to be your wife; to live together in the covenant of marriage? Will you love her, comfort her, honor and keep her, in sickness and in health; and, forsaking all others, be faithful to her as long as you both shall live? <i>I will</i></p>	<p>In the Name of God, I, <i>Groom</i> take you, <i>Bride</i>, to be my wife, to have and to hold from this day forward, for better for worse, for richer for poorer, in sickness and in health, to love and to cherish, until we are parted by death. This is my solemn vow.</p> <p>In the Name of God, I, <i>Bride</i>, take you, <i>Groom</i>, to be my husband, to have and to hold from this day forward, for better for worse, for richer for poorer, in sickness and in health, to love and to cherish, until we are parted by death. This is my solemn VOW.</p>
<i>Groom's Willingness to Affirm these Intentions and Vows (Signature):</i>	<i>Bride's Willingness to Affirm these Intentions and Vows (Signature):</i>

**Please read below information on marriage from *To Be a Christian- An Anglican Catechism*. This will give you an understanding of my church's theological background on marriage.**

**From *To Be A Christian- An Anglican Catechism (65-66)***

**What is marriage?**

Marriage is a lifelong covenant between a man and a woman, binding both to self-giving love and exclusive fidelity. In the rite of Christian marriage, the couple exchange vows to uphold this covenant. They do this before God and in the presence of witnesses, who pray that God will bless their life together. (Genesis 2:23-24; Matthew 19; Mark 10:2-9; Romans 7:2-3; 1 Corinthians 7:39)

**What is signified in marriage?**

The covenantal union of man and woman in marriage signifies the communion between Christ, the heavenly bridegroom, and the Church, his holy bride. Not all are called to marriage, but all Christians are wedded to Christ and blessed by the grace God gives in marriage. (Ephesians 5:31-32)

**What grace does God give in marriage?**

In Christian marriage, God establishes and blesses the covenant between husband and wife, and joins them to live together in a communion of love, faithfulness and peace within the fellowship of Christ and his Church. God enables all married people to grow in love, wisdom and godliness through a common life patterned on the sacrificial love of Christ.

**Marriage Preparation**

In order to prepare for marriage, I require that the couple complete some form of intentional pre-marriage preparation curriculum or readings. One recommended text is *Things I Wish I'd Known Before We Got Married* by Gary Chapman. I have these available free through our Chapel office. Additionally, I recommend that we meet at a minimum of 2 times prior to the ceremony.

***Please return completed form at least 30 days prior to the wedding date:***

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