

Subject: Weddings – Civil Ceremony

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Civil Ceremony

Today you are surrounded by your friends and family, all of whom are gathered to witness your marriage and to share in the joy of this occasion which can be one of the most memorable and happy days of your lives. As you know, no minister, no priest, no rabbi, no public official can marry you. Only you can marry yourselves. By a mutual commitment to love each other, to work toward creating an atmosphere of care and consideration and respect, by a willingness to face the tensions and anxieties that underlie human life, you can make your wedded life come alive.

Today, as you join yourselves in marriage...the possibilities and potential of your married life are great. We wish for you a love that makes both of you better people...a home that will be an island of serenity and a place that encompasses the beauty of nature and gives you the peace within to generate and uphold your feelings about how to live life.

Finally, we wish that at the end of your lives you will be able to say these two things to one another: Because you have loved me, you have given me faith in myself, and because I have seen the good in you, I have received from you a faith in all humanity.

May I have the rings please?

Please place this ring on _____'s finger. Do you promise that from this day onward that he/she will be your husband/wife and you will stand with him/her in sickness and health, in joy and sorrow, and do you pledge to him your love and respect? (I do.)

Now according to the pledges you have made here, by the power vested in me by the state, I now pronounce you husband and wife. You may kiss the bride.