

GRACE UNITED CHURCH, Caledonia

Policy and Procedure Manual

Policy Title	MARRIAGE CEREMONY	Policy Number	PPM- C1.1
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POLICY STATEMENT:

All persons who desire a Christian ceremony are warmly welcomed to consider a wedding performed by the Minister of Grace United Church subject to:

- a) an initial interview with the Minister and the Minister's consent to perform the ceremony; and
- b) approval of the Membership & Pastoral Care Committee and the Church Council.

Although it is not a prerequisite, it is hoped that the ceremony will take place in the sanctuary of Grace United Church.

Pre-nuptial meetings with the Minister performing the ceremony will be required prior to the ceremony.

In accordance with the Marriage Act of Ontario, members of the bridal party must not consume alcohol or other mind-altering drugs prior to the service.

Wedding fees:

Individual fees set by service suppliers (eg. the Minister, musician, custodian, etc.) and provided to the Grace Office will be communicated upon request to those needing such services. Fees for any use of church facilities/equipment will be set by the Stewards. Payments are due at the church office one month in advance of the wedding. Fees will be reviewed at least once every three years.

Brochure:

The Worship and Music committee, in consultation with the Stewards and the Minister will maintain a brochure that includes the fee schedule, any regulations regarding the use of the church building, and the responsibilities of the prospective couple wishing to use Grace United Church for their ceremony. This brochure will be available online and at the couple's time of inquiry. The brochure should be reviewed at least once every three years, or as necessary.

POLICY REVIEW:

Time Frame: Every three years

Committee Responsible: Membership & Pastoral Care and Worship & Music.
All policy revisions require Council approval.

CROSS REFERENCES:

PPM-C1.2 *Use of Marriage Registry*