

Weddings

This policy applies to weddings officiated by a minister of The Summit for couples who are actively involved as members of The Summit.

Those who wish to have their marriage solemnized by a minister from The Summit must first obtain the consent of the minister. The minister reserves the right to withhold from performing a wedding at his/her discretion.

Those who wish to register a marriage in the church registry, but have the marriage solemnized by someone other than a minister of the church, must obtain the permission of the minister.

The services of the minister/church which are provided for the purposes of solemnizing a marriage are as follows:

- 3-5 marriage preparation sessions
- arrangement for and publishing of marriage banns (**where applicable*)
- planning and direction of the wedding rehearsal (*if you are planning on having a wedding planner or anyone else involved in the direction of the ceremony, you must arrange this with the minister ahead of time*)
- coordinating and leading the wedding ceremony

The couple is responsible to do the following:

- secure a location for the ceremony. (*including an indoor backup location in situations where the planned ceremony is outdoors*)
- obtain a marriage license. (*if not being married by banns*)
- arrange for use of all applicable sound equipment, including a hands-free microphone for the minister's use. (**if needed*)
- provide an honourarium to the minister, no less than \$250.
- if the wedding is more than 100 kilometres driving (*round trip*), provision for gas expenses in the amount of \$0.30/km from Sault Ste. Marie, for both the rehearsal and ceremony.
- if the wedding ceremony is more than 1 hour travel (*one way*), provision for private accommodations for two nights, unless otherwise arranged by the minister.
- participate in a post-marriage 'tune-up' session six-months after the wedding.