

WHY WEDDING AND MARRIAGE PREPARATION POLICIES AND PROCEDURES STATEMENTS?

Many local churches prepare statements of their policies and practices related to weddings and marriage preparation so that people will know what to expect. These statements may be posted on the church's website and made available in brochure or handout format. Guidelines and suggestions for such documents are provided on pages 73-74 of the *Growing Love in Christian Marriage Pastor's Manual Third Edition*, published in 2013 (pages 64-65 of the Second Edition, published in 2001). If your church already has developed a wedding/marriage policy, please send me a copy so we can post it here. If you do not have a policy, feel free to incorporate and modify ideas and materials from these samples to create your own local church or district or conference policy. When you have a policy, please share it with us.

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