

### **APPENDIX III**

#### **Sample Wedding Ceremony Outline**

THE APOSTOLIC GREETING:

DECLARATION OF INTENTION:

GROOM - \_\_\_\_\_ will you have \_\_\_\_\_ 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? If so answer, "I will."

BRIDE - \_\_\_\_\_, will you have \_\_\_\_\_ 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? If so answer, "I will."

**CONGREGATION** - Will all of you, by God's grace, uphold and care for \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ in their life together? If so please answer, "We Will."

**THE INVOCATION:**

**THE PRAYER:**

**WELCOME AND SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS:**

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**THE READINGS**

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**THE SERMON**

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**THE WEDDING VOWS:**

\_\_\_\_\_ & \_\_\_\_\_, if it is your intention to share with each other your joys and sorrows and all that the years will bring, with your promises bind yourselves to each other as husband and wife.

"I take you, \_\_\_\_\_, to be my wife/husband from this day forward, to join with you and share all that is to come, and I promise to be faithful to you until death parts us."

or

"I, \_\_\_\_\_, take you, \_\_\_\_\_, to be my wife/husband, and these things I promise you: I will be faithful to you and honest with you; I will respect, trust, help, and care for you; I will share my life with you; I will forgive you as we have been forgiven; and I will try with you better to understand ourselves, the world, and God; through the best and worst of what is to come, and as long as we live."

**THE EXCHANGE OF RINGS:**

\_\_\_\_\_ I give you this ring as a sign of my love and faithfulness.

**THE BLESSING OF THE MARRIAGE:**

\_\_\_\_\_ & \_\_\_\_\_ by their promises before God and in the presence of this congregation have bound themselves to one another as husband and wife. Blessed be the Father and (+) the Son, and the Holy Spirit now and forever. Those whom God has joined together let no one put asunder. Amen.

**THE PRAYERS:**

**\*\*THE LORD'S PRAYER:**

**THE BENEDICTION**

**THE PRESENTATION OF THE COUPLE**

It is my privilege to present to you: \_\_\_\_\_

**THE RECESSIONAL**

\*\* Special music may be inserted throughout the wedding service. There should be music during the lighting of the unity candles.