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*Congratulations on your upcoming marriage!*

We are pleased that you are considering celebrating your commitment to one another at a service of marriage in Hillcrest United Church. This is a very significant decision in your lives together and we are glad to serve you at this time.

In order to assist you, we are enclosing some important information.

### MARRIAGE POLICY

#### INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR WEDDING AT HILLCREST UNITED CHURCH

**Setting the Date:** A donation of \$200.00 confirms that the church is booked for your wedding, with the balance due one month before the wedding.

Should you consider changing the date of your wedding, please consult with the clergy before finalizing any plans.

#### **Marriage Preparation**

Pre-marriage counselling is a mandatory pre-requisite. Couples who live outside of the Fort Nelson area are responsible for providing a certificate or letter indicating their successful completion of a pre-marriage course.

#### **Wedding Service**

The wedding service is a service of Christian Worship: everything that happens in it, therefore should be in keeping with the worship of God. The words, music, the readings, the way space is used, are all decided with that in mind. The wedding service allows for some individual choice and allows opportunity for your own creativity as well.

#### **Music**

Music is an important part of a wedding service. The music used, whether instrumental or vocal, should be appropriate for worship in general and for a wedding in particular. Music for the ceremony must be discussed with the clergy at least 6 weeks before the wedding.

#### **Photographs**

Pictures may be taken by guests and by the designated photographer as you enter and leave the church and during the signing of the register. Picture taking by the guests is not permitted during the service. The designated photographer may consult with the minister before the service concerning picture taking during the service.

Video camera: a video camera may be positioned inconspicuously and operated from that position for the service.

### Legal Requirements

You will need a Marriage License and Registration of Marriage document.

If you are divorced you need your Decree Absolute.

The license is valid for 90 days from date of issue.

**The license and registration of marriage document must be in the hands of the minister prior to the wedding.**

We suggest you bring it to the minister at least two weeks before the wedding ceremony.

Two adult witnesses (minimum of 18 years of age) are required to be at the wedding ceremony.

Provincial law does not permit a minister to perform a wedding ceremony when he/she suspects the Bride or Groom of being under the influence of drugs or alcohol.

### Honorariums and Donations

Use of sanctuary   \$200.00

Minister            \$250.00

Optional (Accompanist - \$100.00 )

NOTE: So that there may be no misunderstanding, please note that any of the following conditions could result in the cancellation or postponement of your wedding ceremony:

- lack of license and/or registration of Marriage documents
- lack of two adult witnesses
- parties to the marriage under the influence of drugs or alcohol.
- failure to pay all monies owing in advance.

We wish you God's peace and joy in Christ as you celebrate your new life together.