



## The Elevation Church Wedding Policy

### **General Requirements**

If a couple wishes to have a wedding at The Elevation Church (TEC), they must meet the following General requirements:

1. The Couple must be born-again Christians
2. Either the bride or groom must be a member of TEC. This means he or she **must have attended** The Elevation Church on a regular basis for at least 3 months post membership class attendance and **should be identified** with a cluster and a service unit; also in the event that both the bride and groom are members of the church, the same will apply.
3. Where any or both do not belong to a cluster, they will be introduced to the cluster head in their locality and their forms must be signed **at the cluster**; the same will apply for the service unit. If there is no cluster close by, the Area or Zonal Pastor must sign off.
4. Bridal couple must go through pre-marriage counseling (see Counseling section).
5. The couple must fill and submit the **Pre-Wedding Counseling Form** and **Wedding @ TEC Form** (if applicable) at least **6 months** prior to the wedding.
6. In the event the wedding is not holding at TEC, the church must be informed at least **6 months** prior to the wedding, in which case counseling will take place at the church were the couple will be getting married.

Following these requirements, the engaged couple must meet with the Lead Pastor at least once prior to the wedding.

### **Counseling**

At The Elevation Church, we view marriage as a holy commitment that you make to God and your spouse. It is important that you fulfill that commitment for a lifetime. The Elevation Church wants your marriage to flourish and we want to help you have a great marriage for a life time, not only a beautiful ceremony.

One way we can equip you and your marriage to be successful is for you to attend church on a regular and consistent basis. If you hear the Word of God on a consistent basis you will be equipped with the knowledge of God's Word and know how to properly handle situations as they arise in your marriage. All couples will be required to do the following:

1. The couple must fill and submit the **Pre-Wedding Counseling Form** and **Wedding @ TEC Form** (if applicable; both attached to this policy)
2. The couple must submit two (2) passport photographs each
3. Read/listen to the following books/CDs on the subject of marriage
  - a. Five Love Languages by Gary Chapman
  - b. CD Series on Marriage by Pastor Godman
4. The couple should each read this book, each taking notes and be ready to submit their notes at their first pre-marriage counseling session.
5. Attend and complete the TEC pre-marriage counseling class. All class sessions and homework through the class is required. Please contact the Membership Team using the following contact details
  - a. Email – [courtship@elevationng.org](mailto:courtship@elevationng.org)
  - b. Phone Numbers – 08033325003, 08023294043
6. In the event that the wedding is to be conducted in another church, the counseling sessions can hold in the church in which the wedding is to hold, however, a written and signed letter from the



other church stating the topics discussed and covered with the couple should be made available at least **2 months** before the wedding date.

### ***Pre Marriage Tests***

It is recommended that before marriage, the couple perform genotype tests at clinics of their own choice.

### ***Marriage Certificate***

Intending couples wishing to get married at TEC must follow the procedure below in order for them to get their marriage certificate issued through TEC:

1. The intending couple must visit the Ikoyi registry to fill the **Intent to Marry** form. This must be done atleast **21 days** before the couple's intended wedding date. The couple will need the following:
  - a. 2 passport photographs each
  - b. Birth certificates of both
  - c. Processing fee of **N12,000**.
2. The registry will display the completed form with the couple's passport pictures on their public notice board for 21 days. If there are no objections brought forward against this union during the 21-day period, TEC is allowed to go ahead and join the couple.
3. At the end of the 21-day period, the couple will return to the registry to sign a triplicate copy of the **Wedding Certificate** (Form E) and a duplicate copy of the **Marriage Register** (Form F).
4. The couple will present all copies to TEC prior to their wedding ceremony where they are expected to sign all copies of the certificate. After the joining, TEC will retain a copy of the Wedding Certificate, the couple will retain a copy and the last copy will be returned to the registry.

### ***Miscellaneous***

No changes shall be made to the items on the Pre-Marriage Counseling form after it has been submitted and approved, i.e. date of wedding, time, etc. without first obtaining approval from the Pastor in charge. All questions and coordinating of the wedding details must go through the Membership team or the Counselor that has been assigned to the couple.



**Pre-Wedding Counseling Form**

**Bride-to-be's Information**

Date

Bride-to-be's Full Name (Last Name First)

Occupation

Phone 1

Phone 2

Passport Photograph

Address

City/ State

Date of Birth

E-mail Address

Name and Location of Church

Do you attend regularly?

Date of Membership

Are you a Born Again Believer in Jesus Christ?

Name of Cluster

Name and Dated Signature of Cluster Head

Name of Team/Unit

Name and dated signature of Team/Unit Head

Why do you feel confident that this marriage is meant to be?

Have you been married before? If Yes, please state reason for previous marriage dissolution

Do both parents approve?



**Pre-Wedding Counseling Form**

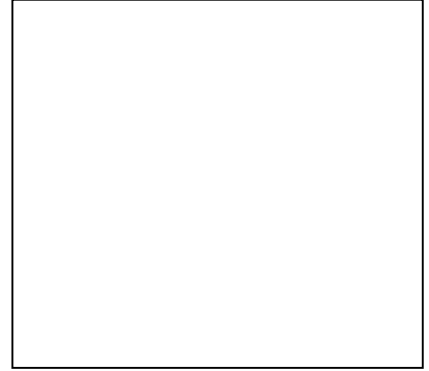
**Groom-to-be's Information**

Groom-to-be's Full Name (Last Name First)

Occupation

Phone 1

Phone 2



Passport Photograph

Address

City/ State

Date of Birth

E-mail Address

Name and Location of Church

Do you attend regularly?

Date of Membership

Are you a Born Again Believer in Jesus Christ?

Name of Cluster

Name and Dated Signature of Cluster Head

Name of Team/Unit

Name and dated signature of Team/Unit Head

Why do you feel confident that this marriage is meant to be?

Have you been married before? If Yes, please state reason for previous marriage dissolution

Do both parents approve?

Any additional information?



**Pre-Wedding Counseling Form**

**Wedding Information**

Planned Date

Place of Wedding (If at TEC, please fill **Wedding @ TEC Form**)

**For Church Use**

Dates Form Submitted

Membership Personnel

Assigned Marriage Counselor 1

Assigned Marriage Counselor 2



**Wedding Information**

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Date

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Bride-to-be's Full Name (Last Name First)

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Bride-to be's Phone Number

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Groom-to-be's Full Name (Last Name First)

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Groom-to-be's Phone Number

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Planned Wedding Date and Time

**For Church Use**

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Approved Date

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Sign and Date