

## LEMC'S MARRYING POSITION STATEMENT:

1. Marriage is a sacred covenant established by God to teach a man and woman to love each other with God's kind of love, for better or for worse, for a lifetime. Marriage is not a 50/50 proposition, but a 100% commitment of one person to the love and betterment of the other.
2. An authentic growing relationship with God through Jesus Christ provides a firm spiritual foundation that gives an individual guidance and power to better relate to a spouse and to grow in love and commitment for a lifetime.
3. Pre-marital preparation and early marriage support can make a significant difference in the long-term health and viability of a marriage. For this reason all couples married through LEMC must participate in premarital counseling and attend the church sponsored pre-marriage retreat.
4. LEMC will marry two professing Christians or two people who are not professing Christians with similar spiritual desires, but we cannot, in good conscience, marry a couple where only one is a professing Christian. This is based on our understanding of 2 Corinthians 6:14 (two people heading in different spiritual directions) and our experience with the tension created from a couple not sharing a common spiritual foundation and spiritual life direction. (There may be exceptions to this position, but they are rare. You are welcome to speak with your officiate about this.)
5. We believe that God's ideal for our sexuality is for it to be expressed in the monogamous exclusive commitment of marriage. Pre-marital sex often masks issues and keeps couples from learning emotional intimacy, friendship and communication independent of sexual intimacy. If a couple is dependent on a sexual relationship to be happy and content together before marriage, the more important foundations for a lasting marriage are often underdeveloped. For these reasons, we ask couples to honor God's expressed desire for their sexuality (Hebrews 13:4) and abstain from sexual intimacy, whether from the beginning of the relationship or from this moment on, until their marriage.
6. LEMC wants you to know if, for any reason, we do not perform your wedding ceremony, our desire as a church is to offer you the tools and resources you need to have a healthy, lasting marriage God intends for you.

## COUPLE INFORMATION:

Today's Date \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Wedding \_\_\_\_\_ Time \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Rehearsal \_\_\_\_\_ Time \_\_\_\_\_

Location of Wedding (Place and City) \_\_\_\_\_

Location and Time of Reception \_\_\_\_\_

Address of Couple after Wedding \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number after Wedding \_\_\_\_\_

### GROOM:

Full Name (print) \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_  
(Underline name commonly used)

Full Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_

Marital Status \_\_\_\_\_ (Never Married, Widower, Divorced)

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Place of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_  
(Province, Country) (On date of wedding)

Occupation \_\_\_\_\_ Birth \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Religious Denomination \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Father's Full Name \_\_\_\_\_ Place of Birth \_\_\_\_\_  
(Province, Country)

Mother's Full Name \_\_\_\_\_ Place of Birth \_\_\_\_\_  
(Maiden Surname) (Province, Country)

Name and Address of Witness \_\_\_\_\_

### BRIDE:

Full Name (print) \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_  
(Underline name commonly used)

Full Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_

Marital Status \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_  
(Never Married, Widower, Divorced)

Place of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_  
(Province, Country) (On date of wedding)

Occupation \_\_\_\_\_ Birth Date \_\_\_\_\_

Religious Denomination \_\_\_\_\_  
Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_  
Father's Full Name \_\_\_\_\_ Place of Birth \_\_\_\_\_  
(Province, Country)  
Mother's Full Name \_\_\_\_\_ Place of Birth \_\_\_\_\_  
(Maiden Surname) (Province, Country)  
Name and Address of Witness \_\_\_\_\_  
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1. Do you attend LEMC? YES NO If so, for how long?  
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2. Are you currently serving in ministry at LEMC? YES NO  
If so, in what area(s)? \_\_\_\_\_  
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3. Are you in a Small Group? YES NO If so, who is your Small Group leader? \_\_\_\_\_

4. Have you been married before? If so, for how long and when did the marriage end (i.e. date of divorce, annulment, etc.)?  
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5. Do you have children? If so, how many and what are their ages?  
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6. Please describe your current relationship with God, or your current spiritual desires or concerns.  
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Which pastor would you like to perform your wedding ceremony? (circle one)

Pastor Jeff Wood  
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Pastor Carter Whyte  
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Please complete and scan/copy this form and e-mail it to your  
pastor of choice or hand it into the church office.

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