

## **Marriage Regulations and Procedures**

### **Requirement**

1. At least one partner must be a Christian. Please note that the church is not allowed to perform a marriage ceremony in which one of the partners is Muslim.
2. Both partners are required to provide original legal *Certificates of No Impediment* of eligibility to marry. An affidavit from the appropriate embassy, or a decree absolute, or equivalent documentation indicating that neither partner is currently married is necessary. This documentation must have been issued within three months of the proposed wedding date.
3. Both partners are also required to provide copies of their passport details and QID residence permits and/or visas. In certain circumstances birth certificates may be required.
4. Both partners must present certification that they have fulfilled the Qatari government requirement for pre-marriage blood tests. This is a procedure specific to marriage, performed at designated medical centres at specific times. No other blood test qualifies. Currently, the Ahli Hospital, Doha Clinic and Al Emadi Hospital are authorised by the government to perform this procedure.

### **Preparation**

1. There will be a minimum of three preparation interviews with one of our priests before the rehearsal and wedding. The couple should plan for a minimum of six weeks for this part of the preparation process as they plan for the wedding ceremony.

### **The Wedding**

1. Weddings will take place at times mutually convenient to the couple and the church.
2. The ceremony will be held in the Chapel of All Nations (The chapel can seat 30-50 people comfortably.) No weddings will take place outdoors.
3. The couple should provide two adult witnesses.
4. One video operator and one photographer may be present at the ceremony.
5. No photographs should be taken outside the walls/gate of the Religious Complex.
6. The Anglican Church reserves the right to charge extra if the ceremony is delayed by the wedding party.

### **After the Wedding**

1. Once the marriage certificate is signed, the church will register the marriage at the Ministry of Justice and then get the registration attested at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs office. (The fee for registration with the Qatar government is QR200)
2. It is ESSENTIAL that the couple register the wedding certificate with their respective embassies as well.

### **The Fee**

1. QRS 5000 – to be Paid as a contribution to Church funds, set by the Church Council, and payable at the second preparation session.
2. The Church may conduct pre marriage preparation for a wedding being held outside Qatar. In this case a fee, set by the Church Council, and payable at the second preparation session, is QRS1500.
3. If you want to have your wedding in the large Church sanctuary (instead of the chapel) the fee is an additional QRS 4500