

## How to Get Started

The Met Church® will help you along each step of your ceremony planning to help make it as stress-free, smooth and joyful as possible.

**Step One** To begin the process for scheduling your ceremony, visit our website or contact our office for a wedding application and return it to the church office.

**Step Two** We will contact you as soon as we verify the availability of a minister.

**Step Three** Then, we will complete paperwork, with a \$100 deposit required to confirm a ceremony.

**Step Four** Copies of sample ceremonies, which couples find extremely helpful, will be provided so you can begin the excitingly creative process of planning the details of your ceremony. Keep in mind that we are flexible in structuring the wedding to make it truly yours.

**Step Five** You will set an appointment with the minister performing your ceremony and meet 3 to 5 weeks before the big day to fine-tune the ceremony and make final arrangements.

**Step Six** While you will be coordinating any additional aspects of your big day, the final and most thrilling step is the one you take in making your vows.

**Step Seven** Upon your ceremony, you begin a new level of life together as a couple, committed publicly before friends and family and blessed by God. You will also receive a Certificate of Holy Matrimony or Holy Union to proudly display commemorating your big day.

## Metropolitan Community Churches

were founded by Rev. Troy Perry in 1968 as an affirming worldwide denomination open to all, with a particular outreach to the gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender community, families and friends.

*Located just South of Clairemont Drive and just East of I-5, across the freeway from beautiful Mission Bay Park.*

**THE METROPOLITAN COMMUNITY CHURCH OF SAN DIEGO**

*Bringing people closer to God and one another since 1970*

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**“You  
Make Me  
Wanna Say  
I Do...”**



**Planning Your Wedding Ceremony at The Met Church®**



**What?** We are thrilled that Marriage Equality exists throughout the country! Our licensed clergy are happy to perform the Rite of Holy Matrimony, a legal joining of two loving, committed people to the full extent recognized by law. For couples who seek to express a personal commitment to one another that is not legally binding, Metropolitan Community Churches also offer the Rite of Holy Union.

Both are formal yet not rigid ceremonies, faith-based and uplifting, expressing the personal decision to share a life together, celebrated and recognized by God.

**Who?** The couple may be any two people at least 18 years of age, in a loving relationship, wishing to formally profess their commitment. For Holy Matrimony, a license must be obtained from the Marriage Registrar at the local County Administration Building. You do not have to be a California resident but a California Marriage License is required.

**Where?** There are plenty of options for the location of your ceremony. Our smoke-and-alcohol-free church campus is available, highlighted by a beautiful Sanctuary that seats 175 and a comfortable Social Hall ideal for receptions for up to 50 people. We can also provide suggestions of attractive sites that include park, beach, city and country locations. The lovely Morley Field backyard of a congregant's craftsman home is available, complete with bar facilities.

**Why?** Aside from legal ramifications, couples gain comfort in taking this step before family and friends, knowing that their relationship is blessed by God and recognized in all 50 states and by the federal government.

**When?** Your ceremony may be scheduled any time, dependent upon the availability of clergy. It is recommended that a couple plan their ceremony at least 3 to 6 months in advance to give proper preparation time, although they may be conducted on shorter notice.

**How elaborate does it have to be?** Some couples wish to have a very minimal and brief ceremony; others elect to include attendants, family, special readings and music. All are equal in stature. Each ceremony is uniquely planned.

**Are there costs for a Ceremony?** To reflect its importance, a ceremony should be a quality occasion which requires careful planning and the assistance of a professional staff. Therefore, there are fees for a Wedding / Holy Union. We do not do rehearsals as they are generally not necessary and not included in the fees.

#### Basic Donations for Services

Minister	\$ 350
Administrative	\$ 85
Use of Sanctuary	\$ 225
Use of Social Hall	\$ 150
Open/Close Bldg	\$ 65 - 85
Audio	\$ 80
Multimedia	\$ 70
Musician	\$ 100
Soloist	\$ 80

All figures are based on a maximum 4-hour timeframe. Additional fees are requested for rehearsals. An additional Minister's Travel Allowance is added for distances beyond 20 miles from downtown San Diego.

For ceremonies performed outside of the church (home, beach, park etc.), only the Minister and Administrative donations would be applicable.

A \$100 deposit is necessary to confirm any ceremony.

#### We are only planning a small, private, simple ceremony. Are there any reduced fees?

Since the church and clergy's involvement is the same for a large or small ceremony, fees are the same regardless of size. They are also applicable for a ceremony to renew vows.

#### What about enhancements?

Flowers, photography, invitations, ushers, or any reception are the responsibility of the couple. We can gladly offer ideas, information and resources to assist you and can provide talented musicians or soloists for a ceremony.

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