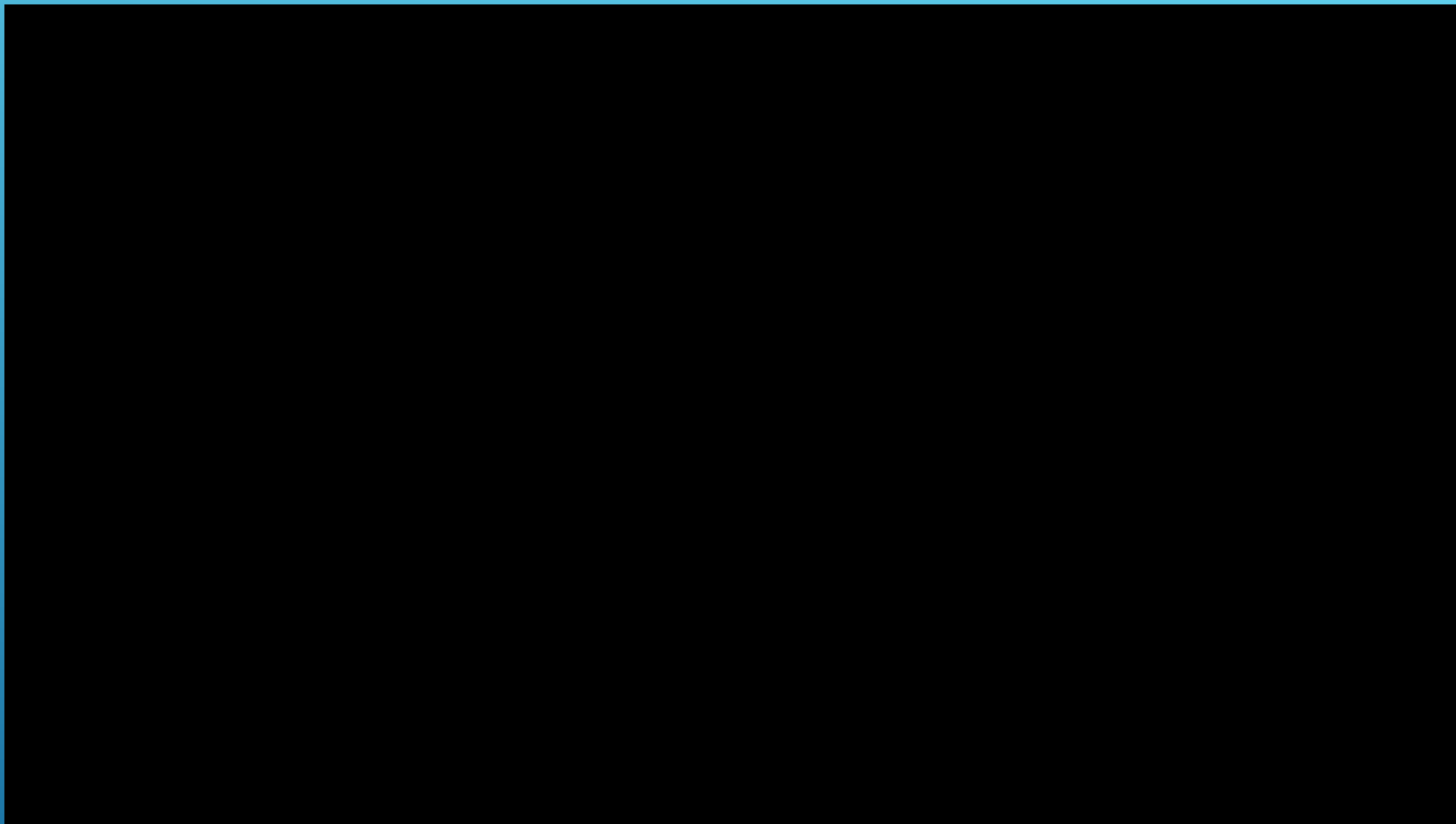




VAUMC License School 2022

Dan Kim

# WEDDINGS



- ▶ This is a Holy and public worship of God. Make it worshipful!
- ▶ You aren't merely an officiant. You are the pastor! You are the preacher! Even its only for a short time. Maybe their ONLY pastor. Maybe the only time someone gets to hear the Gospel.
- ▶ Each wedding is a Disciple-making opportunity.
- ▶ Each wedding is an evangelistic opportunity.
- ▶ Each wedding is a means of grace.

#1: BE IN PRAYERFUL DISCERNMENT



- ▶ Registering as an officiant in the state of VA (Only Valid in VA)
  - ▶ Register with the county of the church/ministry in which you are appointed. (Call the county clerk).
    - ▶ Appear in person and provide documents
    - ▶ Bring your license certificate
    - ▶ Bring proof of appointment (The Advocate worked for me in Henrico)
    - ▶ Proof of practice no less than 30 days old (church bulletin, church newsletter, )
    - ▶ Pay a Fee
  - ▶ Successful registration with any county gives you permission to officiate weddings in every county in VA.
- ▶ Sign Marriage License of couple (2 copies) \*AT REHERSEAL\*
  - ▶ Officiant must complete and sign both copies of the marriage license and forward to the Clerk of the Court that issued the license within (5)five days after the ceremony is performed
  - ▶ Marriage has to take place in VA.
  - ▶ Commemorative Certificate is NOT official.

## #2: GET REGISTERED WITH VIRGINIA

COPY 8  
FOR DIVISION OF VITAL  
RECORDS

Margin reserved for binding  
Please use black ribbon in typewriter or black ink in ballpoint pen. This is a permanent record.

TO OFFICIANT:

Complete and sign  
certificate on both  
copies.

Return both copies  
within five days to  
Clerk of Court  
issuing license.

Section 32.1-287  
Code of Virginia

VSR 10/19

COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA  
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH-DIVISION OF VITAL RECORDS  
MARRIAGE RETURN

CIRCUIT COURT FOR CITY OR COUNTY OF						CLERK'S NUMBER
COUNTY OF HENRICO						
PARTY A (check one)			BRIDE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GROOM	SPOUSE	
1. FULL NAME (first) (middle) (last)				MAIDEN SURNAME (if different from last)		
2. SEX	3. AGE	4. DATE OF BIRTH (Month, Day, Year)	5. PLACE OF BIRTH (state or foreign country)		6. SOCIAL SECURITY NO. OR DMV NO.	
7. (DO NOT WRITE IN THIS SPACE)			8. NUMBER OF THIS MARRIAGE (first, second, etc.)	9. MARITAL STATUS (if previously married) WIDOWED DIVORCED		
10. EDUCATION (Specify only highest grade completed)		11. USUAL RESIDENCE: STREET ADDRESS OR RT. NUMBER				
11a. CITY OR TOWN OF RESIDENCE		11b. County (if independent city, leave blank)		11c. STATE (OR FOREIGN COUNTRY)		
12. NAME OF PARENT (first, middle, last, suffix) (maiden name if any)		12a. SEX	13. NAME OF PARENT (first, middle, last, suffix) (maiden name if any)		13a. SEX	
PARTY B (check one)			BRIDE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GROOM	SPOUSE	
14. FULL NAME (first) (middle) (last)				MAIDEN SURNAME (if different from last)		
15. SEX	16. AGE	17. DATE OF BIRTH (Month, Day, Year)	18. PLACE OF BIRTH (state or foreign country)		19. SOCIAL SECURITY NO. OR DMV NO.	
20. (DO NOT WRITE IN THIS SPACE)			21. NUMBER OF THIS MARRIAGE (first, second, etc.)	22. MARITAL STATUS (if previously married) WIDOWED DIVORCED		
23. EDUCATION (Specify only highest grade completed)		24. USUAL RESIDENCE: STREET ADDRESS OR RT. NUMBER				
24a. CITY OR TOWN OF RESIDENCE		24b. County (if independent city, leave blank)		24c. STATE (OR FOREIGN COUNTRY)		
RICHMOND				VIRGINIA		
25. NAME OF PARENT (first, middle, last, suffix) (maiden name if any)		25a. SEX	26. NAME OF PARENT (first, middle, last, suffix) (maiden name if any)		26a. SEX	
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MARRIAGE LICENSE						
27. TO ANY PERSON LICENSED TO PERFORM MARRIAGES You are hereby authorized to join the above-named persons in marriage under procedures outlined in the statutes of the Commonwealth of Virginia.						
Signature: <u>[Signature]</u> Clerk of Court or Deputy			Date Issued: _____ License Expires Sixty Days After Above Date			
Date Received by Clerk of Court from Officiant: _____						
MARRIAGE CERTIFICATE						
28. DATE OF MARRIAGE (Month, Day, Year)		29. PLACE OF MARRIAGE (county or independent city)		30. TYPE OF CEREMONY CIVIL RELIGIOUS		
		Gambell		RELIGIOUS		
31. I CERTIFY THAT I JOINED THE ABOVE NAMED PERSONS IN MARRIAGE ON THE DATE AND AT THE PLACE SPECIFIED						
SIGNATURE OF OFFICIANT <u>[Signature]</u>			TITLE OF OFFICIANT <u>Reverend</u>			
Authorized to perform marriages by the Circuit Court for <u>Richmond</u> , Virginia, in <u>2014</u> (city or county) (year of authorization)						
NAME OF OFFICIANT (Type or print) <u>Chia Kim</u>						
ADDRESS OF OFFICIANT <u>16 Church Ln</u> <u>Law Spring</u> <u>VA</u> (street or route number) (city or town) (state)						

- ▶ Have the wedding policy be the first piece of information you give the engaged couple
- ▶ Have the wedding policy do a lot of the initial talking for you. The better and more comprehensive your wedding policy, the easier time you'll have organizing the wedding
- ▶ A Good wedding policy will have:
  - ▶ ALL FEES UPFRONT (Officiant, musician, AV, building usage, room usage, clean-fees, security deposits)
  - ▶ Congregational Liason (GUM SPRING UMC)

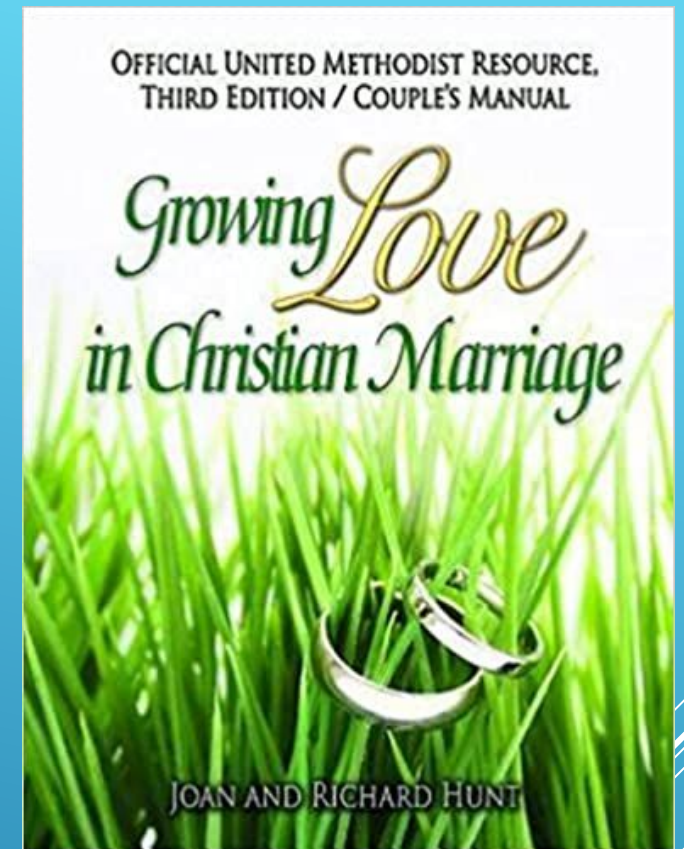
## #3: WEDDING AND BUILDING POLICY

- ▶ “According to the BOD, a UM officiant is “To perform the marriage ceremony after due counsel with the parties involved and in accordance with the laws of the state and rules of the UMC. The decision to perform the ceremony shall be the right and responsibility of the pastor.” Paragraph 340 (A)
- ▶ I have 3 pre-marital counseling sessions, and 1 rehearsal.
- ▶ Further counseling is to be referred to professionals (VIPCARE)
- ▶ My primary purpose is to get to know them, get them to communicate openly about their relationship and faith, and make connections from their marriage to the Love of God. I pray, I teach about Christian Marriage, and I get them to open up more about their faith to one another.

## #4: PRE-MARTIAL COUNSELING



- ▶ **Better Marriages** – (formerly ACME): [www.bettermarriages.org](http://www.bettermarriages.org)
- ▶ **FOCCUS**(Premarital and Marital Inventories) [www.foccusinc.com](http://www.foccusinc.com)
- ▶ **Growing Love in Christian Marriage** -
  - ▶ Engaged Encounter United Methodist
    - ▶ [www.encounter.org](http://www.encounter.org)
- ▶ **Marriage Mentors** - [www.marriagementors.org](http://www.marriagementors.org)
- ▶ **Marriage Savers** - [www.marriagesavers.org](http://www.marriagesavers.org)
- ▶ **Mastering the Mysteries of Love** - [www.nire.org](http://www.nire.org)
- ▶ **PREP and C-PREP (Christian PREP)**– [www.prepinc.com](http://www.prepinc.com)
- ▶ **PREPARE/ENRICH** – [www.lifeinnovation.com](http://www.lifeinnovation.com)
- ▶ **The Five Love Languages** - [www.5lovelanguages.com/](http://www.5lovelanguages.com/)
- ▶ **Jane P. Ives, United Methodist Marriage and Family Ministries Consultant**  
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# PRE-MARTIAL COUNSELING RESOURCES



- ▶ You are in charge of the service, because this is a Christian worship service and you are a Christian minister!
- ▶ Command the rehearsal. Know all of the parts of it.
- ▶ “Ethnic and cultural traditions are encouraged and may be incorporated into the service at the discretion of the pastor.”

TAKE THOU AUTHORITY ON REHEARSAL  
AND WEDDING DAY

- ▶ BOW 115
- ▶ UMH 864
- ▶ CHRISTIAN MARRIAGE 1

A SERVICE OF CHRISTIAN MARRIAGE  
(PRACTICE)