



your wedding

Ceremony

GUIDE

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HELLO & *Welcome*

Thank you for downloading the Wedding Ceremony Guide! This booklet has two main goals: first, to help you discover if I would be a good fit as your officiant! You'll get a chance to learn a bit more about me and my style. You'll also have the opportunity to learn more about what you can expect from me and how to make the most out of our relationship. So, let's get started. I can't wait to meet you!



MEET *Jefferson*

Hey, I'm Jefferson, it's so nice to meet you! Below you can see my wonderful wife Lauren and wild little toddler Hope! I strongly value time with my family and building strong, healthy relationships with everyone in my life.

I began my professional career in 2015 as a youth pastor at a church in Toronto. Though I eventually learned that full-time ministry was not my thing, there was an important takeaway - I love working with people, and I love helping others get prepared for their important life events.



Since leaving my position in ministry, I continued to do what I loved the most - working with others, guiding them as they looked towards their marriage, and helping bring a sense of calm on their wedding days.

Even with a toddler running around my house, I consider myself a pretty energetic guy. I am so excited when I have the chance to meet someone new and hear their story. I know it sounds cliché (I apologize in advance to my writer wife) but I have always found the opportunity to meet with and form relationships with others life bringing.

If you're looking for someone who can bring the excitement to your wedding day while helping to bring the calm to you and your partner, I think we would be a great match!

WHAT TO *Expect*

Wedding planning can feel overwhelming. I still remember what it was like nearly eight years ago for me and my wife! Knowing what to expect can help take away a bit of that stress. When you work with me, the first thing we'll do is have an introductory video call. During this call, we'll learn a bit more about each other and confirm that this is a great fit for both of us! You'll have the opportunity to tell me all about your love story!

A month or so before your wedding, we'll chat again and we can review the plans for your ceremony. You'll have a chance to ask me any questions you may have, update me on any details I need to know, and we'll go over all the important things like your ceremony timeline and other plans for your big day.

EXAMPLE

Timeline

11:00 am - Officiant arrives at your wedding venue

11:45 am - Guests, ushers arrive (wedding party may also arrive)

12:00 pm - Ceremony begins!

12:05 pm - Walk down the aisle

12:10 pm - Officiant welcomes guests and introduces the couple

12:15 pm - Officiant speaks (your love story, faith-based elements, a story you want to highlight, etc)

12:20 pm - Vow exchange, rings, and the kiss!

12:25 pm - Signing of the documents

12:30 pm - Closing remarks (may include prayer if a religious ceremony)

12:35 pm - Officiant pronounces your marriage and walk back down the aisle together! Woohoo, you're married!

Remember, every ceremony is unique because every couple and wedding is unique. This is a standard ~30 minute ceremony to give you an idea of what to expect, but don't feel like you have to stick to this exactly or like you can't include something else that's important to you and your partner!





TYPES OF *Ceremonies*

RELIGIOUS

Ceremonies

For wedding ceremonies that include religious components, such as prayer, worship, scripture reading, and other faith-based practices that are important to the couple.

NON-RELIGIOUS

Ceremonies

For wedding ceremonies that do not include any faith-based components. Other aspects or traditions may be included in the ceremony, such as candle lighting, unity ceremonies, and readings.

VOW RENEWAL

Ceremonies

For couples who want to reaffirm their love for one another in a special ceremony. Vow renewals are often a small, intimate gathering with a shorter ceremony and speech.

Ceremony PACKAGES



Your Perfect Ceremony

Starting at \$875 + tax

- Ceremony planning guide package to help you get started thinking about your ceremony
- One perfect wedding ceremony written and presented at your wedding, tailored to your unique love story
- Travel to and from your wedding venue (within a 150km radius of Guelph, ON)
- Attending your rehearsal if you want me to be there
- One 1-2 hour Zoom meeting for us to get to know each other better
- One 30-minute Zoom meeting to discuss final details

Vow Renewals

Starting at \$500 + tax

- One vow renewal ceremony tailored to your unique love story
- Travel to and from your wedding venue (within a 150km radius of Guelph, ON)
- One 1-hour Zoom meeting for us to get to know each other better
- One 30-minute Zoom meeting to discuss final details

Elopements

Starting at \$695 + tax

- One perfect wedding ceremony written and presented at your wedding, tailored to your unique love story
- Travel to and from your wedding venue (within a 150km radius of Guelph, ON)
- One 1 hour Zoom meeting for us to get to know each other better
- One 30-minute Zoom meeting to discuss the final details

GET THE MOST FROM YOUR

Ceremony

Here are some tips to help you plan your ceremony and make sure that you get the most out of it. Remember, most ceremonies are only around half an hour, so you want to make sure you include exactly what you want without going over time.

- **Whose Involved?** Before you plan your ceremony, think about who the most important people in your lives are and if/how you want them to be included. For example, is your aunt going to sing? Is your cousin going to read a scripture verse?
- **What is most important to you?** When your officiant plans your ceremony, they will want to highlight the things that are most important to you as a couple and what has been most important to you in your unique love story.
- **What traditions do you want to include?** Traditions such as candle lighting, unity ceremonies, worship, and other religious and non-religious traditions play a big part in most ceremonies, so decide which ones are meaningful to you and how you want to incorporate them.
- **Who could forget...the vows!** Decide ahead of time if you want to write your own vows or if you want to say the traditional vows. If you have trouble writing your own vows, you can consider working with a vow writing coach to help you say exactly what's most important.



FREQUENTLY ASKED

Questions

Learn a bit more about me below.

Just checking...you are licensed, right?

Yes! I am licensed and legally allowed to perform wedding ceremonies in the Province of Ontario. I can perform both religious and non-denominational weddings.

Do you offer pre-marital counselling?

No, I don't offer pre-marital counselling. All of my guidance will be geared towards your wedding day and ensuring that your ceremony runs as smoothly as possible!

Do you perform weddings across Canada?

Right now, I only perform weddings located in Ontario. While I live in Fergus (about 15 minutes north of Guelph) I am willing to chat with you about your wedding anywhere in Ontario!

What is your stance on gay marriage?

I consider myself an LGBTQIA+ ally and am happy to work with couples regardless of their sexual orientation.

Your prices say "starting at" - what does that mean?

In general, most weddings will be the price that you see! However, there are some instances where an extra fee may be added for additional travel or if a couple requests an extra meeting. We will ALWAYS chat about final costs before you pay or sign anything.

THANK *You*

Thank you so much for taking the time to read through this booklet. I hope that you feel like you've had the chance to get to know me a little bit better, and to decide if you think we might be a great match!

I am honoured when a couple trusts me to be a part of such a special moment in their lives.

If you would like to get in touch, click the button below and fill out the form on my website. I can't wait to meet you!

Let's Chat!

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