



Congratulations on your engagement and upcoming wedding. We are excited for you as you prepare for the amazing journey of marriage. Marriage is one of the biggest decisions you will make. It is for this reason that our emphasis at Creekside is not on performing weddings, but rather on preparing couples to have a healthy, life-long marriage. The following materials reflect our desire to help couples establish a God-honoring pre-marital relationship and prepare them for the commitment they will make to one another before God. Our assumption is that you desire to honor God in your marriage and pre-marriage process and that's why you are seeking to be married through Creekside. With that in mind, please review the frequently asked questions and our philosophy on marriage to insure you are in agreement. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact our office. We look forward to serving you in preparing for a beautiful wedding and a life-long marriage.

### **Frequently Asked Questions:**

#### **1. What do we do now?**

- Read and fill out "Creekside's Philosophy on Marriage" to make sure you are in agreement on the purpose of getting married in the church. Fill out the Couple Information sheet and return it to the church at [hayley.martin@creeksidechurch.ca](mailto:hayley.martin@creeksidechurch.ca).
- Once the form has been completed and returned, you will have an initial meeting with the available pastor to discuss Creekside's values and beliefs. The pastor will confirm if they are able to perform the ceremony after they have met with you.
- Next step would be to complete the Enrich Inventory. This online couple questionnaire assesses your couple strengths and growth areas. A report will be provided to your pastor. Together, you will review the report and develop a strategy to build on your strengths and to mature in your growth areas. More information regarding the Enrich Inventory will be provided at your initial meeting with the pastor or check out <http://www.empoweringcouples.ca/couples.php>. The cost is \$45.
- We also encourage you to attend our pre-marriage retreat. The fee for this retreat is \$75/couple and includes the book and workbooks, [Saving Your Marriage Before it Starts](#). For information on our next retreat, contact Jeff Austen at [jeff.austen@creeksidechurch.ca](mailto:jeff.austen@creeksidechurch.ca).

- 2. Do I need to be a member of the church to be married at Creekside?** No, you do not need to be a member. However, we are usually limited to marrying couples who are a part of our church community (i.e., regularly attending Creekside, or attending and serving in a ministry area or plugged into a LifeGroup).



- 3. Can we use Creekside's facility?** Yes, Creekside's facility is available for weddings subject to availability.
- Return the Couple Information sheet being careful to note that you would like to have your wedding on our campus.
  - Submit a \$50 non-refundable deposit to hold your booking. **Your booking is not officially confirmed and on the Creekside calendar until your deposit payment has been received.** You will be required to pay the remainder of the rental fee 30 days prior to your wedding.
  - Sign and return the Facility Rental Agreement. Please note the section on providing us with a certificate of insurance. Also note the facility is NOT available Friday evenings for rehearsals or decorating.
  - Once your reservation has been confirmed, you will be contacted by office personnel to discuss the details of your wedding.
- 4. What is the fee to rent the facility?** The fee to rent the facilities for your wedding ceremony will vary based on your needs. The Standard Wedding Package for renting the facility is \$600. This fee includes 8 hours of custodial time. It does not include sound technician services which, if required, are based upon availability. The fee for a sound technician is \$45 per hour. All fees must be paid 30 days prior to the wedding date. Cheques should be made payable to Creekside Church.
- 5. Do I give the pastor an honorarium?** Yes, because weddings involve additional duties for the pastor including pre-marital counselling, ceremony preparation, and wedding rehearsal (as well as the wedding itself), the minimum suggested honorarium for a Creekside pastor to perform your ceremony is \$400. This cheque should be made out directly to the pastor performing the ceremony.