

## **ECCC Marriage/Wedding Guideline (Draft 7/2002)**

1. Practice of marriage will be based on spiritual principles of the Scriptures, not governed by traditions or social/cultural influences.
2. Couples should have clear understanding about the nature of marriage and the will of God in their marriage, through a series of studies, counseling, and guidance with the help of marriage counselors.
3. Marriage counselors at ECCC should consist of the planning group members and brothers/sisters burdened or responsible to the spiritual welfare of the couple.
4. Marriage counselors will coordinate and recommend appropriate actions and choices in pursuing of the marriage, according to the specific situation and needs of the couple.

### **Wedding Ceremony**

1. Wedding ceremony will be performed to unite a man and a woman in the Lord in front of the witnesses.
2. Wedding ceremony can be performed at an appropriate location, including the Fellowship Center with a fee. (Free-will offering, if ECCC members.)
3. When a marriage certificate is unavailable from the ceremony, the couple can obtain the document prior to or after the ceremony through other civil services.

### **Marriage Thanksgiving Service**

1. For couples already legally married, consummated their marriage, or recently had wedding ceremony elsewhere, they'll be encouraged to arrange a Marriage Thanksgiving Service for thanksgiving, testimony and celebration.
2. Thanksgiving Service acknowledges the after fact of a recent marriage by providing the opportunity for testimony, reassurance of commitments in the Lord, and celebration with relatives and friends.
3. Marriage Thanksgiving Service can be performed at an appropriate location, including in the Fellowship Center. (with no fee)

Marriage Thanksgiving Service: Focusing on the testimony and mutual commitments in the Lord. Since it is not a wedding ceremony, there will be no bridesmaid, bestman, and proclamation, etc.

1. Prelude
2. Entering
3. Announcement
4. Scripture Reading
5. Hymn
6. Testimony
7. Assurance of Commitments/Light the Candle
8. Message
9. Hymn
10. Benediction