

REQUIREMENTS FOR BEING MARRIED BY A DOXA ELDER

If you are requesting a Doxa elder or sacerdotal deacon to officiate your wedding ceremony, the following will you inform about the requirements needed **before** we can consider your request.

We have organized all the premarital requirements for a Doxa elder to officiate your wedding ceremony so they are completed roughly, within a three-month period. This should help you to set aside the appropriate amount of time to complete these requirements so they don't interfere with your wedding plans.

THE SEQUENCE FOR REQUESTING AN ELDER OR SACERDOTAL DEACON

1. **Become a [Covenantal Member of Doxa Church](#).** (In accordance with our by-laws, Doxa elders and sacerdotal deacons may only conduct wedding ceremonies for Covenantal Members of Doxa Church.)
2. **Enroll and complete the [Doxa Premarital Foundations Video Class](#).**
3. **Next, enroll and complete all four of the Private Premarital Mentoring Sessions.** Find a link to the assignments to be completed prior to each mentoring session [here](#).
4. **Details regarding wedding Officiant Request Form (ORF)**
 - a. Every elder and sacerdotal deacon is qualified with the State of Washington to serve as the officiate over your wedding ceremony.
 - b. Below is the current list of Elders and Sacerdotal Deacons who are authorized to perform wedding ceremonies on behalf of Doxa Church for its members.
 - Alex Ghioni
 - Dave Cox
 - Derek LaFontaine
 - Donald Zimmerman
 - Josh Ricciardi
 - Nathan Jelovich
 - Tim Patton

5. Details regarding Doxa Elder Ceremony officiants

- a. Once you have submitted your ORF form and received confirmation, you must make your own ceremony arrangements. Please understand that the elder/deacon of your choosing may not be available on the date you have requested because of conflicts in his schedule.
- b. The suggested honorarium for the elder to perform your ceremony is \$250. Please pay the elder or coordinator directly. If there is a financial hardship involved, please discuss this with your elder.
- c. Due to time and travel constraints, elders/deacons may not always be available to attend rehearsals or receptions. If you have questions about this, please discuss this with your elder.
- d. Please be advised that the Doxa elders/deacons may not be available to officiate a wedding outside of the Seattle area by more than a one hour drive (unless agreed to by the elder). Some elders may agree to perform an out of town wedding, while some may not. As an out of town wedding is a significant commitment on behalf of the elder, please plan on paying for any necessary travel or accommodation expenses. Doxa elders/deacons are not available to officiate out-of-state weddings.
- e. Doxa elders/deacons reserve the right to refuse to perform your ceremony in the event that significant concerns are surfaced during your Premarital Mentoring in the case it would violate their conscience or because they determine it would not be in the best interest of the parties asking to be married.

MARRIAGE LICENSE

Doxa elders and coordinators are **NOT** responsible for obtaining marriage licenses. **You are responsible for acquiring all necessary paperwork.**