



# The Church of the Ascension

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## Testimony of Conformity to the Marriage Laws and Policies of the Episcopal Church

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

We, \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_

now signify to \_\_\_\_\_ (Priest) our desire to be married according to the service for The Celebration and Blessing of a Marriage in The Book of Common Prayer. We intend our marriage to conform to the canonical requirements of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America and the laws of the State of Texas. Furthermore, we wish to affirm that to the best of our knowledge none of the following impediments to our proposed marriage exist:

1. There is no blood relationship within the prohibited degrees.
2. There is no mental deficiency in either of us sufficient to prevent the exercise of intelligent choice.
3. There is no insanity in either of us.
4. We have both reached the age of puberty.
5. There is no condition of impotence, sexual perversion, nor venereal disease in either of us undisclosed to the other.
6. Neither of us is now married.
7. Neither of us has any mental reservations or purpose of evasion in our intention concerning this marriage, nor do we have any secret or undisclosed agreement or circumstance with any other person which would be inconsistent with the purpose of the marriage contract and the canons of the Church (includes, but not limited to, previous marriages, annulments, children born out of wedlock).
8. None of the following conditions exist which would make competent or free consent impossible: Error as to the identity of either party; fraud, coercion or duress, undisclosed indiscretions, undisclosed addictions.
9. We understand and agree, that should our marriage be imperiled by dissension, that it shall be the duty of each of us, before contemplating legal action, to lay the matter before a priest of the Church.
10. We agree to the conditions and will sign the declaration of intent in preparation for the proposed marriage.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_