



# **Getting Married**

**A Ceremony Tool Kit**

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# About Faith Bateman

Faith is a natural “people person”, who has directed and performed in major drama productions in arts clubs, churches and schools over the last 20 years. She has a wealth of experience in public speaking and is comfortable in front of a crowd. She has the ability to make people feel at ease with her keen sense of humour and friendly, relaxed demeanour.

Faith is ordained with the Pentecostal Evangelical Church (PEC) and licensed to marry through the Christian Ministers Association (CMA). Her “day” job is office administrator for a large independent school in Surrey.

Faith and Grant, her husband of 35 years, reside in Langley, B.C. and are happy empty nesters with two grown children and two beautiful, young granddaughters.



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# The Ceremony

***“A balance of ceremony and celebration.”***

**A simple approach:**

The following represents a user-friendly and nonreligious order of service that can be easily tailored to more formal or casual depending on your personal preferences and the venue (e.g. outdoor/indoor, church, beach, garden, home or theme Wedding).

**Religious content is added only at the request of the Bride and Groom.**

It is not a requirement. As an Interfaith Chaplain, I am able and willing to incorporate certain components to help honour your belief system, ethnic values or faith history.

**It's your day so please feel free to make suggestions about content.**

It's important to **start on time**: The average ceremony length is 20-30 minutes. This is a comfortable time-frame for your guests, who will actually be there 40-60 minutes as they arrive before you and are the last to leave. Please keep this in mind when considering any additions or changes in the ceremony itself that will require more time (e.g. unity candle, tea ritual, readings, songs, prayers).

I will arrive 20-30 minutes prior to the time on your invitation/confirmation letter. I schedule myself to be at your Wedding location approximately 90 minutes before proceeding to my next commitment.

**Should you decide to change your ceremony time please be sure to let me know.**

Let's make it fun! **Weddings should be enjoyable.** No matter how hard you try to 'make it perfect' there are certain unpredictable events that will happen. That's what makes life fantastic and interesting, so relax, keep it simple and remember...

**“The more fun you have...the more fun your guests will have.”**

This is an example / excerpt from the  
25 page Wedding Ceremony Book  
you will receive, free  
upon booking Faith as your officiant.

It is full of information, FAQ's, advice, vows, readings etc  
and is a valuable asset to planning your ceremony. ■