



Wai'oli Hui'ia Church

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Aloha! and Mahalo for your interest in Wai'oli Hui'ia weddings.

Please read the following information ***carefully and completely***. If you accept our wedding policy and wish to proceed in securing a date, please complete and return to us the attachment "Wedding Return Pack" (3 pages).

Thank you for your inquiry to have your wedding at Wai'oli Hui'ia Church. The beauty of the Church and its Hawaiian setting attracts many who desire to be married here, and we are glad to share our facilities and the beauty of our location with couples (***man and woman***) desiring to be married here. Wai'oli's Executive Board and Board of Deacons have established these policies for weddings at our church.

We require that the wedding couple agree to pre-marital counseling. It is preferable that this be done with a Christian pastor/counselor/program in your area, as they will become your ongoing resource for support and guidance. We require a signed "Statement of Intent" by that pastor/counselor (this is included with the Wedding Application) indicating that the wedding couple has committed to this premarital requirement. (You need not have completed your pre-marital counseling at the time of sending in your Application.)

In addition, a brief session at Wai'oli Hui'ia with the officiating pastor of the Wai'oli Hui'ia Church (approx. 45 minutes) is to be scheduled along with a wedding rehearsal, if necessary (approx. 1 hr.).

Weddings at Wai'oli Hui'ia Church are officiated by Wai'oli's designated pastors (see Wedding Policy Item #3).

Below are the Wai'oli Hui'ia Church Wedding Information, Why Premarital Counseling? Checklist for Wedding, Statement of Intent and Wedding Fees. Please read them over carefully.

The Wai'oli Hui'ia Church has had a continuous record of service since 1834, first as a Congregational Church, and since 1957, as a United Church of Christ. We affirm our commitment to the Christian faith and therefore all weddings performed at Wai'oli Hui'ia Church will be Christian in nature. For more information, please see our website: www.waiolihuiiachurch.org.

We look forward to working with you in this special time of your lives and may God's grace be with both of you. If you have any questions concerning your wedding arrangements, please do not hesitate to contact us by phone (808) 826-6253, e-mail: waioli@aloha.net. Or mail: Wai'oli Hui'ia Church, P.O. Box 231 Hanalei, HI 96714.

Aloha Ke Akua!

WAI‘OLI HUI‘IA CHURCH WEDDING POLICY

Please Note: The following information is for couples only and NOT to be shared with wedding coordinators or consultants.

Wai‘oli Hui‘ia Church is pleased to be a part of your wedding plans. We desire to share our historic facilities and the beauty of our location. Because we are a Christian church, our desire is not only to officiate wedding ceremonies, but also to help in establishing Christian homes and families. Weddings have been conducted at Wai‘oli for couples of many faiths and creeds. But because our wedding ceremonies are distinctly Christian, we have adopted the following policy that we ask you to respect in order to be married in our facilities.

1. It is the intent that the wedding couple (***man and woman***) shall be a member or regular attendees of a Christian Church or be in active search of joining a Christian church. Exceptions may be made after consultation with the pastor of Wai‘oli Hui‘ia Church.
2. The wedding couple shall agree to engage in premarital counseling arranged with a Christian pastor, Christian couples’ class/course or a marriage counselor in your local area. Churches often offer classes or use of their staff free of charge or for a nominal expense. In the event you are not able to find a suitable person or class, please communicate with our pastor, well in advance, to arrange premarital sessions with him when you arrive on island for your wedding. In either case, you will still need to meet with our pastor before the wedding, if only briefly, to confirm the specifics of your ceremony. Please return your Wedding Application, Statement of Intent, Check List (Wedding Return Pack) with the deposit to confirm and reserve your date. Counseling sessions DO NOT need to be complete before sending in Wedding Return Pack.
3. Weddings shall be officiated by the current Wai‘oli Hui‘ia Church pastor, or the pastor’s designated or approved substitute. Other ministers on the Island of Kaua‘i may be called upon to officiate weddings (upon arrangement). If a member of your family is ordained clergy and you wish them to participate in a portion of your wedding ceremony, your request can be forwarded to the Wai‘oli Hui‘ia Church Board for review and consideration.

The foregoing policy is based upon the Bible and approved by the Board of Deacons of Wai‘oli Hui‘ia Church. It is understood that certain situations may arise that merit some flexibility, so any deviation from this Policy shall be at the discretion of the Board of Wai‘oli Hui‘ia Church.

WHY PREMARITAL COUNSELING?

The requirement to obtain premarital counseling is not meant to be a test of your readiness for marriage. Nor is it a magic guarantee for success. Rather, this is an opportunity to reaffirm and focus on the reasons you have chosen to be married. Premarital counseling provides support in a way that can be useful to living out the day to day of your marriage in Christ. Issues that are usually covered are personal values, interpersonal dynamics, finances, family issues and personal life goals. Premarital sessions are often enlightening and enjoyable.

Our hope is that you do it with a church or person where you live, as they can be a valuable resource for future referral, networking and community. It should not have to be expensive. Often large churches offer weekend sessions free of charge or use of their staff at reasonable rates.

If you are unable to make such arrangements where you live, arrangements can be made to do a premarital counseling session with a pastor on Kaua'i, depending upon availability.

If you have any questions feel free to contact us:

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YOUR CHECKLIST FOR WEDDING

(This check list is also included in the Wedding Application pack. Please keep this copy for your reference)

After you have completed your Application, contact your minister (or counselor) to set up your pre-marital counseling. Include your signed Statement of Intent when submitting your Application form to Wai‘oli Hui‘ia Church. (You do not need to have completed your premarital counseling to send a Statement of Intent.)

Submit your forms to us via email (waioli@aloha.net) or mail: Wai‘oli Hui‘ia Church, POB 231 Hanalei, HI 96714. Your \$100.00 deposit (which will go towards balance) must be received by us before we will confirm your wedding date.

(Initial) _____ Both of us have read the Wedding Policy carefully and accept its conditions.

(Initial) _____ Online information regarding requirements for Marriage in the State of Hawai‘i.

State of Hawai‘i: portal.ehawaii.gov/visitors/getting-married

Hawai‘i Dept of Health: health.hawaii.gov/vitalrecords/marriage-licenses

Hawaii Electronic Marriage Registration System: emrs.ehawaii.gov/emrs/public/home.html

You should complete the online application with payment by credit card as soon as you know your wedding date. Your online application will be available for the issuance of a marriage license in the State of Hawai‘i up to one year from the application date. After you print your receipt, you will need to have it certified. This can be done at Styles Studio in Hanalei (located on the 2nd floor of Ching Young Village in Hanalei) - Phone: 808-378-4290, 5-5190 Kuhio Hwy, #B8, Hanalei, HI 96714. You will need to make an appointment in advance. There is a fee for certification.

(Initial) _____ Please advise us if a rehearsal is required. (The officiating pastor will direct the rehearsal, not the wedding coordinator.)

(Initial) _____ The Mission Hall is available to you for dressing and/or as a waiting area prior to the wedding ceremony provided there is no scheduled activity there. Please advise us if you need the Mission Hall for this purpose. Due to the condition and age of the Mission Hall, there is limited availability for other uses such as receptions and a separate request shall be made for such use.

(Initial) _____ Keep in mind that Hawai‘i can be warm (85 degrees) and very humid (even in the winter). There is plenty of air flow with open windows and the Church is equipped with ceiling fans (but no air conditioning). Plan your wedding attire appropriately.

Decorations –*please read carefully*–

(Initial) _____ Nails, staples or tape are not allowed on buildings, walls or pews.

(Initial) _____ Vases for your floral arrangements must be provided by your florist.

(Initial) _____ Candles are only permitted when drip catchers are attached.

(Initial) _____ Floral arrangements shall be taken away after the wedding ceremony.

(Initial) _____ Pew arrangements/decorations, etc. shall be removed after ceremony.

(Initial) _____ *No flower petals, rice or birdseed* is permitted inside or outside of the church. Outside bubbles may be approved.

(Initial) _____ You may invite the pastor to your reception to offer the blessing for the meal, etc. or just to attend as a guest. If you do not give him/her a formal or verbal invitation, they will not be expected to attend.

(Initial) _____ Smoking/vaping is not permitted anywhere on the church premises.

(Initial) _____ Alcohol is not permitted anywhere on the church premises. The wedding ceremony will be terminated immediately if this is violated.

WEDDING FEES

Note: This information is for the couples only and NOT to be shared with independent wedding coordinators. All financials are to be taken care of before the final meeting for the Wedding, or earlier.

SUGGESTED DONATION FOR THE USE OF THE CHURCH

(The donation to the Church may be tax-deductible – your cancelled check is your receipt)

Suggested minimum: \$500.00

Of this, a \$100.00 deposit is required to reserve your date and shall be received before we will confirm your wedding date(s). The deposit will be applied towards your balance. The balance may be paid at any time, however, shall be paid no later than two weeks before your wedding date.

>If you cancel your wedding and inform us at least 60 days prior to the date, we will refund all monies paid to the church in full. Cancellation within 60 days prior to your date, no refund.

Make Check Payable To: “Wai‘oli Hui‘ia Church”
Send to: P.O. Box 231, Hanalei, HI 96714.

Payment may also be made through the website:
Waiolihuiiachurch.org

AUDIO/SOUND RENTAL WITH PERSON ASSIST

If you will be renting the use of our sound system with assistant, an additional fee of \$150.00 is required.

HONORARIUM

The pastor will accept an honorarium which you may give to him/her when you complete your financials.

Suggested minimum amount: \$450.00 (cash, no out-of-state checks)

You may also invite the pastor to your reception to attend as a guest. In addition, if you would like him/her to offer a prayer/grace for the meal, please let them know in advance. If you do not give him/her a formal or verbal invitation, they will not be expected to attend.

CLEANING FEE

The church will be cleaned prior to and after the wedding ceremony.

(A separate envelope with cash will be given to the cleaning person)

Amount: \$100.00 (cash, no out-of-state checks)