

## INTENDING COUPLE CHECKLIST FOR MARRIAGE PREPARTION @RCCGHOF

### Checklist and Timeline for Marriage Preparation:

Each of the following steps must be completed before your wedding ceremony can be conducted at RCCG HOF. We recommend you begin these steps at least 6 months before your wedding date.

#### 1. **Initial Interview with Pastor** - Complete three to nine months prior to the wedding.

Marriage preparation begins with an appointment with the Senior Pastor. The Senior Pastor will gather general information about the couple and will make a preliminary decision whether there are any concerns worth noting to the marriage. If none exist, the Pastor will give the intending couple to go ahead reserve the date and time with the Church Administration. Weddings are usually celebrated at HOF on Saturdays between 10.00am to 2.00pm. It may be possible to schedule another day or earlier time but not a later time on Saturdays to prepare for Sunday services.

Intending couples must initiate their request by sending an email to the Pastor Olayide Ropotusin @ [ropotusin@hofarlington.org](mailto:ropotusin@hofarlington.org). A reply will confirm the date and proper notification will be sent to all parties concerned for the marriage preparation.

In as much as the Pastorate would love to participate in your wedding ceremony, we discourage weddings during the following period of the year because a wedding celebration may not fit into the penitential character of the season.

- RCCG Corporate Fasting season especially February or as otherwise instructed from RCCG Headquarters
- HOF Annual Fasting Period
- TIC Conference/Finale/911 or Prayer Conference
- RCCGNA Convention at the Redemption Camp in Greenville Texas
- Last 3 days of the year (December)

2. **Application** form must be submitted and reviewed with the intending couple by the Pastor or Lead Counselor before commencement of counseling. The use of the Faith Hall (Main Sanctuary) is complimentary for all weddings at HOF. Payment is required for the use of Power and Celebration Halls

#### 3. **Information Meeting with Pastor In Charger of Marriage Spiritual Guidance** - Complete at least two months prior to the wedding.

All intending couple in RCCG is required to complete mandatory Pre marital spiritual guidance of 8 sessions before the marriage ceremony can be conducted in RCCG worldwide, if they expect an ordained pastor to join the couple. Currently Pastor Layo Orekoya is in charge the Team that conducts all of Marriage Preparation at HOF.

You will be scheduled to meet the team for all the 8weeks intensive classes. All classes must be completed at least 4 weeks before the wedding day.

#### 3. **Music Ministry**

Couples must formally notify The Tehillah Crew (Music Ministry) to participate in the ceremony {Most of them are volunteers}. Couples should discuss with the Music Director types of music (special, hymns) they want at their wedding ceremony and should begin planning their wedding songs and music as soon as possible after their initial meeting with the Pastor. Couples are responsible for paying at least \$200.00 for this service. Please contact our Music Director for all musical needs and invited musicians at least two months prior to the wedding.

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### 4. **Wedding Rehearsal and Mandatory 3-day fasting period**

Couples are to contact the Church Office for wedding rehearsal at least 1 month before the date. Couples are required to prepare spiritually for a 3-day fasting period before the wedding date; this must be scheduled with **Deaconess Funke Adu (8174555318)**.

**5. Ministerial Participation:** We honor our pastors and ministers as they assist in participating in celebration of joy. We therefore recommend gift for all in-house ministers that will officiate during the wedding ceremony. 1 Cor 9:11. Please provide honorarium for all your invited ministers. We will appreciate if you let us know what part your invited Guest Minister is taking part during the wedding ceremony

### 6. **Required Documents** - Complete 2 to four weeks prior to the wedding

Couples are responsible for obtaining the following documents:

- **Marriage license**

A marriage license from any county in the State of Texas is required. Couples may go to the county license bureau to apply. A marriage license is valid for 90 days from the date it is issued. If you want our Senior Pastor to sign your license, please notify the court clerk at the Court House.

- **If you complete your pre-marital counselling with us, you are entitled to get a complete certificate from [TwogetherTexas.org](https://www.twogetherTexas.org), which gives you \$60.00 off your marriage license fee from the courthouse.**

- **HOF marriage application forms**

All couples must complete the form included in the packet and submitted before counselling begins.

- **Medical Tests**

All intending bride is required to submit to a completed pregnancy test before the wedding. We are biblically required to join TWO people in marriage not THREE. Other tests like the Genotype, HIV are recommended for the couple.

7. The bride's gown and the bridal train dresses must be approved for moderation before purchase. The church would not allow the bride or the bridesmaids to wear, any dress that will expose their body for example sleeveless, spaghetti strap. All strapless dresses **must** have a jacket.

### 8. Final Meeting(s) with Pastor - At least two weeks before the wedding

Couples are responsible for scheduling the final meeting with the Pastor. At this meeting, couple will discuss if there will be ministerial participation of out of HOF Pastors or Ministers to be involved in the ceremony and to discuss other issues that is needed to finalize the wedding ceremony.

Couples will need to present these documents at the final meeting:

- Marriage license (all copies), unsigned by the Court Clerk
- **2 NEW BIBLES TO BE USED FOR JOINING.**
- Copy of Program of events
- Certificate of attendance from Pre- Marital Counseling course

Please note: If your plans to marry change, please immediately inform Pastor Layo or Pastor Olayide.

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**APPLICATION FORM – BRIDE to BE**

Submit before Preparation Classes starts with a passport photograph

Names \_\_\_\_\_

Address: -----  
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TEL#----- Email: -----DOB: \_\_\_\_\_

ETHNICITY: BLACK, AFRICAN/ AMERICAN, WHITE, HISPANIC, CAUCASIAN- Check One

Have you been married before? YES NO (Please Tick one)

Do you have child (en) YES NO (how many) .....

Are you born again? YES NO, (Please Check one) Date----- Where-----

Are you baptized in the Holy Spirit with evidence of speaking in Tongues? YES NO (Please Check one)

Water Baptism? YES NO (Please Check one) Date----- Where-----

Are you a worker? When & where-----

Ministry/Department in Church.....

Currently Employed; Yes NO

Any Known Allergies or Diseases:

Any Diagnosis (If yes explain):

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What made you choose this partner (explain) -----?

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Do you have your parents consent for this marriage intention?( Letter needed if there will not be representation of family )-----  
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Date of Marriage: ----- Venue-----

Signature ..... Date-----

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APPLICATION FORM – GROOM to BE

Submit before Preparation Classes starts with a passport photograph

Names \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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TEL# \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_ DOB: \_\_\_\_\_

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