

WEDDING RENTAL RULES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

OTTAWA REFORMED CHURCH

I. THE RULES

- A. **THE PURPOSE OF THE RENTAL** shall not be (or deemed to be) contrary to or in conflict with the “ORC Statement of Beliefs.” Any purpose that may appear contradictory must be approved in advance by the ORC Board of Elders.
- B. **WE RESERVE THE USE OF OUR SANCTUARY** for weddings of Ottawa Reformed Church members and their children. However, we are open to considering exceptions, and these exceptions need the approval of the Executive Council. Please allow 60 days for approval.
- C. **THE MAN AND WOMAN SEEKING TO BE MARRIED** are to belong to a Bible-believing church (2 Corinthians 6:14). Any exceptions to this policy require the Elders' approval before final permission is granted to use the sanctuary. Please allow 60 days for approval.
- D. **ANY OFFICIATING PASTOR** not currently serving at Ottawa Reformed Church requires the approval of the elders. Please allow 60 days for approval.
- E. **PRE-MARITAL COUNSELING** is a requirement and must be worked out with the approved Pastor.
- F. **RENTAL OF THE CHURCH SANCTUARY** for a wedding event assures the party of exclusive use of the sanctuary, narthex, bathroom off the narthex, coffee room for light lunch, the women's bathroom & classrooms in the lower level for getting ready. The rental also includes the use of the sanctuary for the rehearsal.
- G. **ENTRY TO THE SANCTUARY** will be programmed by the office staff to allow your group entry 60 minutes before your rental time & will be locked 60 minutes after your rental time to allow for setup/cleanup. Please contact the church office with your request one month prior to your rental date if you need additional time.
- H. **SANCTUARY RENTALS INCLUDE** the payment of the Sound Technician.
- I. **MUSIC & ENTERTAINMENT** must be in keeping with a Christian ceremony and reception.
- J. **NO FOOD OR BEVERAGES** are allowed in the sanctuary (Exception: bottled water).
- K. **ONLY BUBBLES** may be used as the couple leaves the church.
- L. **SATURDAY WEDDINGS** are expected to be completed (with the church building vacated) by 6:00 PM.
- M. **THE ORGAN** may not be moved from its place in the sanctuary.
- N. **THE PIANO** may not be moved off the stage and may not be moved to a different location on the stage.
- O. **THE SOUND, LIGHTING, AND VIDEO EQUIPMENT** (in both the sanctuary and GRACE Center) is to be operated only by a member of ORC's technical team.
- P. **ANY ADDITIONAL INSTRUMENTS** (drums, keyboard cables, etc.) belonging to the church may not be used without prior approval.

- Q. **THE USE OF CANDLES** is permitted only on the platform, in a candle stand with plastic underneath. All candles must be drip-less and used in accordance with State and local laws.
- R. **NO LIVE TREES** will be allowed in the building due to Township Fire Codes.
- S. **ALL ARTIFICIAL PLANTS AND ARRANGEMENTS** in the church must remain there and cannot be altered with lights or the like.
- T. **NO SMOKING (TOBACCO OR MARIJUANA), VAPING, OR ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES** are allowed on church property.

***FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH THESE RULES WILL VOID THE RENTAL AGREEMENT
AND RESULT IN A POSSIBLE PENALTY***

II. THE RESPONSIBILITIES

- A. **DESIGNATE** a contact person to work with our custodian to coordinate the wedding details at least two weeks before the wedding date.
- B. **FIND YOUR OWN** sound technician and video camera operator. Only Ottawa technicians are allowed (a list of available persons can be supplied).
- C. **REMOVE** all flowers, candles, props, etc. from the sanctuary and any areas used immediately following the event. The church does not accept responsibility for any articles left in the church after the event.
- D. **CONTACT OUR CUSTODIAN**, Dan Hughes (928.7994), with any building emergency during the rental. For all other emergencies, please call 911.

Ottawa Reformed Church Wedding Contract Form

REQUESTING PARTY: MEMBER NON-MEMBER

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE NUMBER: _____ EMAIL ADDRESS _____

WEDDING DATE _____ WEDDING TIME _____

REHEARSAL DATE _____ REHEARSAL TIME _____

NAME OF GROOM _____

Member of _____ Church

NAME OF BRIDE _____

Member of _____ Church

OFFICIATING MINISTER _____

Pastor of _____ Church

Pre-marital Counseling Provided by: _____

Contact Info: _____

FACILITY/FEE

SANCTUARY

- Member \$350 (Includes \$100 fee for the Sound Technician)
- Non-Member \$600 (No Saturday Rentals) (Includes \$100 fee for the Sound Technician)
- Begin at 4:00 PM or later on a Saturday \$150
- Video Camera Operator \$75 (Note: This is not production quality)
- Sound Technician (You are responsible for scheduling an ORC Sound Technician. Ask the office for a list of approved ORC Sound Technicians)

GRACE CENTER RECEPTION

- Member \$400 (Includes \$100 fee for the Sound Technician)
- Non-Member \$800 (Includes \$100 fee for the Sound Technician)
- Sound System (You are responsible for scheduling an ORC Sound Technician. Ask the office for a list of approved ORC Sound Technicians)
- Projector and Screen \$50
- Early Setup \$50 (For Prior Day Access)

REHEARSAL DINNER (Must be reserved no less than a month in advance)

- Youth Room \$75
- GRACE Center \$100

PLEASE NOTE: Ottawa Reformed encourages the use of its facilities for the God-ordained, sacred institution of Marriage. If a couple cannot come up with the needed funds, the Deacons may be contacted for assistance.

YOUR SIGNATURE signifies you have read the Rules and Responsibilities and agreement to abide by all Ottawa Reformed Church Rules and Responsibilities for the use of the facilities that you have requested.

YOUR RESERVATION is secured with a \$100.00 deposit and this signed form. A copy will be made and given back to you for confirmation by the church office.

Date: _____

(Please sign above)

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO Ottawa Reformed Church 11390 Stanton Street, West Olive, MI 49460

FULL PAYMENT IS DUE 30 days before the wedding, and you must meet with church custodian, Dan Hughes (616.928.7994), about set up, decorating, and details to assure your day goes as you want it to. Any questions or concerns should always be addressed with the custodian or church office.

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY:

Deposit check received:

Date: _____ Check # _____ Amount _____

By: _____

Final payment received:

Date: _____ Check# _____ Amount _____

By: _____

Authorized by: _____ Date: _____

(Approved by Council) _____ Date: _____