



THE DIOCESE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH IN SOUTH CAROLINA

BISHOP'S CONSENT FOR THE SOLEMNIZATION OF MATRIMONY
WHEN ONE OR BOTH PARTIES HAS BEEN THE SPOUSE OF ANOTHER PERSON STILL LIVING

(per Title I, Canon 19, Constitution and Canons of TEC)

- NOTES:**
1. Please indicate the couple's intention to be a part of a worshipping community.
 2. Although pastoral considerations may be made, the canonical expectation is that the person petitioning for remarriage is a member of the Episcopal Church.
 3. A copy of the final divorce decree should accompany this application.
 4. All requests must be received by the bishop's office at least thirty days before response is needed.
 5. This form must be accompanied by a letter of recommendation from the officiating clergy stating reasons you are willing to officiate at this wedding.
 6. If there has been more than one previous divorce for either party, it is expected that an assessment from a professional counselor will be included in this application.

DATE OF APPLICATION: _____

DATE OF PROPOSED MARRIAGE: _____

SPOUSE #1 INFORMATION:

Name: _____ Age: _____

Marital status: _____ Number of proposed marriage: _____

Baptized: Yes No Denominational affiliation: _____

Parish (if Episcopal): _____

SPOUSE #2 INFORMATION:

Name: _____ Age: _____

Marital status: _____ Number of proposed marriage: _____

Baptized: Yes No Denominational affiliation: _____

Parish (if Episcopal): _____

SPOUSE #1 DIVORCE INFORMATION:

Name of former spouse(s): _____

Date/Place of former marriage(s): _____

Names/ages of children: _____

Reasons for marital breakdown: _____

Was counseling sought? Yes No

Explain: _____

Court issuing divorce decree: _____

Date divorce issued: _____

SPOUSE #2 DIVORCE INFORMATION:

Name of former spouse(s): _____

Date/Place of former marriage(s): _____

Names/ages of children: _____

Court issuing divorce decree: _____

Date divorce issued: _____

SPOUSE #1 AND/OR #2: Please describe how care for children of former marriage and former spouse is being addressed.

CLERGY CERTIFICATION

I have known the petitioner for _____ (length of time) in the following context:

I certify that this couple first signified to me on _____ their intention to be married.
(Date)

I also certify that I have instructed (or caused competent others to instruct) both parties in the meaning of Holy Matrimony according to the provisions of the Canons of the Episcopal Church.

I respectfully ask your consent to officiate this wedding. _____
(Name of Clergy)

NOTE: If the wedding is to be performed outside the geographical limits of the The Diocese of South Carolina, please give the name of the Diocese where it will be held: _____

The Rt. Rev. Ruth Woodliff-Stanley
Bishop

Date

APPROVED

NOT AT THIS TIME