

# **Addendum to the Church's Constitution**

## **Premarital Sex**

If the premarital sex is secret, the sin needs to be acknowledged and repented of before God. If it is known by other people, the sin needs to be acknowledged before God and man and then repented of. Only then will the church allow them to hold the wedding ceremony on the church premise.

## **Cohabitation**

Whether the cohabitation occurs before or after salvation, he/she must commit to repentance and living apart (not under the same roof). Only after six months the church will allow them to hold the wedding ceremony on the church premise.

## **Divorce**

Divorce is against the original purpose of God; however, under certain special circumstances, divorce is permissible. But regardless of circumstance, it is absolutely not permissible if the sole purpose of divorce is to marry another person.

Divorce for Christians is allowed as a last resort only if the spouse has committed adultery, and cannot be used as an excuse to marry another person. If one party has committed adultery, then the other party is permitted to divorce, but not as a matter of necessity.

## **Remarriage**

1. The Bible allows remarriage after divorce only under certain circumstances. For example, if one party dies after divorce, then the other party can freely remarry (Romans 7:2, 1 Cor 7:39).
2. If an adulterer wants to remarry, the church will not allow him/her to hold the wedding ceremony on the church premise.
3. If an abuser is divorced, the church will not allow him/her to hold the wedding ceremony on the church premise.
4. If he/she sincerely acknowledge the sin and repent, and also the former spouse has died or remarried, then the church may consider to allow them to hold the wedding ceremony on the church premise.
5. If the divorce is caused by the unbelieving spouse who wants to leave, then the believer who is abandoned should make an effort to restore the broken marriage. If the unbelieving spouse continues in his/her unwillingness, then the church will consider allowing the wedding ceremony to be held on church premise if the believing spouse wants to remarry.

## **Rights of the divorced**

1. Anyone who remarries after divorce according to the circumstances allowed by the Bible, he/she should be allowed to enjoy the rights of a church member and to fellowship with other believers.
2. The church reserves the right to permit or deny church leadership roles to those who remarry after divorce, because they need to set an example for other believers.

## **Rules for lending the church facility and fees**

1. Both parties of the marriage should be born-again Christians and need to present written documentation from their churches.
2. The wedding ceremony needs to be approved by the church pastor and council.
3. The wedding planner names and wedding procedures can be distributed only after receiving approval from the church pastor and the council.
4. No littering inside the church facility, items like paper, paper shreds, food items, powder, and spray paint.
5. Application for use of the church facility needs to be submitted three months in advance.
6. The fee for using the church facility for wedding purpose is \$500 for non church members and \$200 for church members.