

## **Applewood United Church** **Marriage Policy**

### Purpose

A wedding is a life-changing event. At Applewood United Church, we offer couples the opportunity to draw on the resources of the Christian faith to celebrate their wedding day. Couples may be married regardless of race, creed, colour, gender, gender identity or sexual orientation. Our Ministers, Rev. Carolyn Miller and Carolyn Smith enjoy helping couples with their wedding plans, Here are some things to consider:

### Policy

Marriage is a union of two persons establishing a spousal relationship. In the United Church marriages are celebrated in the context of Christian community and Christian worship. The covenant of marriage involves two people making their wedding vows not only in the presence of family and friends but also before God. At Applewood United Church a couple may be married regardless of race, creed, colour, gender, gender identity or sexual orientation as above.

### Comment

To be married at Applewood United Church the couple should satisfy the following basic criteria.

1. At least one of the two people being married be of a Christian faith. We welcome inter-faith ceremonies which could include co-celebration with a guest minister.
2. At least one of the couple to be married is either a member or an adherent of Applewood United Church and is sponsored by same. The Minister may also sponsor a couple for marriage.

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