



CHECKLIST FOR A WEDDING CEREMONY



PLANNING

First things first

- We are clear about our objectives for this ceremony
- We have identified:
 - About whom?** Couple
 - By whom?** The couple are responsible for **crafting/presiding/organizing**
 - With whom?** (who **participates/is invited**)
 - What?** Wedding ceremony
 - When?** A fitting **date/time/duration** for the event
 - Where?** A suitable **place/setting/venue**

- COMMUNICATION AND CONTINGENCY
- We have contacted or invited all (see 'With whom?') noted above
 - Participants have approved their roles
 - If there is disagreement about how to proceed we know who makes the final decision
 - We have contingency plans for with Whom, When and Where

PAUSE



CREATING

Making sense (couple)

- We, the craftspeople, are agreed on:
- Why and how** we are ritualizing our union
 - Our vow is at the **HEART** ♥ of this ceremony
 - The **key values, ideals or philosophy of life** we wish to transmit or convey
 - Confirm consistency of choices** (Who, What, When, Where) with values
 - In case of disagreement, we have discussed the issues

- CONTENT
- Words** ♥ **Our vow + texts**
 - Music**
 - Gestures/symbols/objects**

- FORMAT
- Entry** into ceremonial space
 - Welcome**
 - Heart** ♥ **Our vow+ texts**
 - Closing/exit** ceremonial space > transition
 - Social gathering**
 - Choreography/scenography** check for visual participation from all seats
 - Reminder list**
 - We have walked through the ceremony and checked for flow and choreography**



REALIZING

Expressing meaning

- Prepare setting** (couple/presider/organizer)
- Open ceremony** (presider)
- Ritualizing** (Content + Format)
 - ◆ Conduct (presider) ◆ Participate (all)
- Close ceremony** (presider)
- Open social part of event** (organizer)
- Social gathering** (all)
- Close event and clean up** (organizer)

DURATION OF EVENT (suggested)

Ceremony (20-40 minutes)

Social gathering (2-6 hours)

July 2019. This checklist is not intended to be comprehensive. Modifications to fit specific situations are encouraged.

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