

VIRGINIA:

IN THE CLERK'S OFFICE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF STAFFORD COUNTY

Petition for Authorization to Perform the Rites of Matrimony in the Commonwealth of Virginia (**Ordained Ministers to perform a one-time ceremony**)

Your Petitioner, _____, requests the Judge of this Court to enter and Order authorizing him/her to celebrate the rites of marriage in the Commonwealth for a one-time ceremony, as per Section 20-23 of the Code of Virginia.

The Petitioner tenders proof that he/she is a minister of a religious congregation, by offering proof of his/her ordination or minister's license of his/her being in regular communion with the religious society of which he/she is a member, copies of such proof are attached to this petition as exhibits.

The Petitioner requests that an Order be entered authorizing him/her to celebrate the Rites of Matrimony for the parties below.

Bride _____ Groom _____

Place of Ceremony _____

Date of Ceremony _____

A \$500.00 bond may be required as ordered by the Court.

Petitioner

Telephone Number

Address (Line 1)

Address (Line 2)

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IN RE: Affidavit Authorizing an **Ordained Minister** to perform a **One-Time Marriage** Under Section 20-23 of the Code of Virginia

Under Oath, I state that:

____ I am an ordained Minister

____ I am in regular communion with the religious society of which I am a member.

____ I am a minister of the following religious denomination:

____ I have been set apart as the head or leader of a religious congregation, society or order.

____ I have been commissioned to pastoral ministry.

____ I have been elected or selected a minister in accordance with ritual; bylaws or discipline of my church, religious denomination or society.

____ I currently hold or have held the following leadership position in my religious denomination:

____ Name and location of church/religious organization or society of which I am a member:

The above statements are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Printed Name of Requesting Person

Signature of Requesting Person

Subscribed and sworn to before me on: _____ day of _____, 2016.

By: _____
Deputy Clerk/Notary Public