



Application for Remarriage in the Church

Anglican Diocese in New England, 2022

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

Christian marriage is a lifelong covenant between one man and one woman, binding both spouses to self-giving love and exclusive fidelity. Unfortunately, a tragic result of our fallen nature is that many marriages end in divorce. While the Church mourns this reality, it also recognizes that there are situations in which it is right and good to bless the remarriage of a divorced person. If Christian marriage is what you seek, we want to help you discern your readiness and help you prepare for your new commitment.

In addition to the general provisions relating to marriage in the Anglican Church in North America (“ACNA”), the ACNA Canons require that, if either party has ever been divorced, you must obtain permission from the bishop before you can remarry in the ADNE per [ACNA Canon II.7](#). The Application for Remarriage in the Church is included in this packet.

As you contemplate remarriage, some things are critical to creating the best possible chance for a successful union:

- You must intend a lifelong union.
- You must be seeking God’s help.
- You must have worked through your part in the breakdown of the previous marriage.
- You must be actively worshipping and participating in a Christian church.
- You must engage in the program of premarital counseling prescribed by the priest and this diocese.

The rest of this booklet is designed to assist you and your priest to make this beginning, and to give you the understanding, tools, and God’s grace to succeed in this most common, most transforming, vocation.

Yours in Christ,

Bishop Andrew Williams



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A. To Be Completed by the Priest

*This information is to be mailed to the Bishop, who must approve all remarriages of divorced persons in this diocese, **at least (60) sixty days** prior to the date of the proposed marriage.*

1. Names of Couple to be married _____

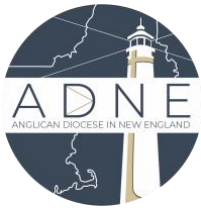
2. Priest's name _____

3. Date and place of proposed wedding _____

4. Are you satisfied that this marriage is soundly intended? Please give a detailed explanation.

5. Has any other minister of the Anglican Church or any other church declined to solemnize this proposed wedding?

6. If so, you must consult with this minister. Based on what you learned from this consultation, why have you decided to officiate at this wedding?



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7. Are you satisfied that any party who was previously married has truly addressed his/her part in the breakdown of the marriage? Briefly explain.

8. Do you certify that you have met with the parties and covered the subject areas listed in the section on Marriage and Weddings in the ADNE clergy Manual?

With this application, the following must be enclosed:

1. The signed Declaration of Intention; and
2. Baptismal certificates, if available



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B. To Be Completed by Each Party Separately (Use additional paper as needed)

1. Name _____

2. Date of Birth _____

3. Address _____

4. Date of Baptism (please provide a certificate of baptism, if available) _____

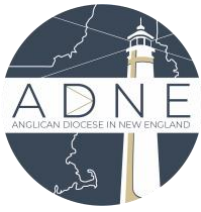
5. Name and address of church you are currently attending

6. How are the resources of the Christian faith, such as the Scriptures, the Sacraments, fellowship, and prayer a part of your life?

7. What do you think makes a marriage a Christian marriage?

8. What will be your involvement in the Church after your wedding?

9. Why do you want to be married in the Anglican Church?



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If you were previously married and divorced, please answer the following questions for each such marriage and divorce.

10. Please state the date of the marriage, the date of your separation, and the date the divorce became final.

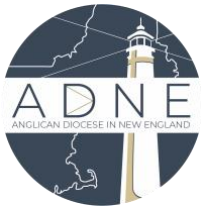
11. Please describe the circumstances that led to the breakdown of the marriage.

12. Please describe your part in the breakdown of the marriage. Please describe what you have done to address any ways in which you sinned against your former spouse.

13. Please describe what you have learned about addressing the challenges within a marriage and how that will inform your participation in this new marriage.

14. Do you have any children from the marriage?

15. Have you addressed with them the circumstances that led to the breakdown of the marriage, your part in the breakdown, what you have done to address any ways in which you sinned against your former spouse, and the impact of your actions on them? If so, please describe.



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16. What continuing care and ongoing support have you been maintaining for your former spouse and any children? If you are not providing care and/or support, please state why.

17. How are you providing for their spiritual nurture?

18. What relationship do you intend to maintain with them after you remarry?

Signature

Date