



Whether you've just returned from eloping in Jamaica, or you're celebrating your 25th blissful year of marriage, renewing your vows might be on the brain. Maybe you want to repeat the words you said last week on the beach, in front of people who are close to you. Or, you'd like to refer to incredible memories together, reminding yourselves of what you promised all those years ago.

Couples choose to renew their wedding vows for a variety of reasons. Maybe you're thinking of doing this as a way of "formalizing" your elopement, commemorating an anniversary, or marking the end of a difficult time in your lives together. Some couples decide to renew their vows to finally have the big wedding celebration they couldn't afford when they first got married. Maybe you recently went through a traumatic time together (example: one of you were dangerously ill) and you want to reaffirm your commitment to each other. Or, you've made it to 10, 25, or 50 years together, and you want the world to know that you'd do it all over again if you could.

Because a vow renewal is not a legally binding ceremony like the actual wedding, virtually anyone can officiate: a pastor, a judge, your children, a close relative or even close friends.

Renewing vows is as simple as recalling the vows you first exchanged when you were married. You can use the same wording or even write new ones to express exactly how you feel today. After you've exchanged vows, many couples like to exchange rings. These can be your original bands, or new rings purchased specifically for the renewal. Children, close relatives, or friends can do readings from scriptures or poems, and you can have music playing or specific songs sang, just as you would at a wedding ceremony.

Regardless of what the ceremony looks like, we're excited to help make this a special day for you! Here are a few details worth noting:

1. Campus Pastors are available to perform marriage vow renewal ceremonies for both members and non-members of GLC. However, members will receive priority if there are multiple requests for the same day. If you are not yet a member, you can sign up today for our next DNA Membership Class by going to the events page of our website. If there's a class coming up, it will be listed!
2. GLC Campus Pastors typically choose to participate in wedding vow renewal ceremonies that are held locally (within 30 miles of Kenosha or Racine, WI).
3. The fee for a GLC Campus Pastor to perform your wedding vow renewal ceremony is \$75 on a weekday, \$100 on a weeknight, and \$125 on a weekend. The fee includes a 30 minute meeting with the pastor who is marrying you (see #4) to go over special marriage vow renewal requests, and assisting you in planning the order of your marriage vow renewal ceremony. This payment is due in full at the time the application is submitted.
4. The couple and the Campus Pastor will need to meet at least two weeks before the marriage vow renewal ceremony. At this meeting, the pastor will confirm any special requests, readings, etc. Also, this is a chance for the Campus Pastor to get to know you as a couple and hear your story!

Marriage Vow Renewal Application

COUPLES INFORMATION

- Husband's First and Last Name: _____
- Wife's First and Last Name: _____
- Address (w/ city and zip): _____

- Husband's E-mail: _____
- Wife's E-mail: _____
- Contact Phone Number (Please include who's number this is): _____
- Does the couple attend Great Lakes Church? _____ • How long? _____
- Is the couple members of GLC (attended "GLC DNA Class" and signed a membership agreement)? _____

Marriage Vow Renewal Details

- Location (w/ address): _____
- Date and Time: _____
- Preferred Campus Pastor: _____

Please review the above information, fill out the wedding vow renewal application and return it along with the appropriate payment (\$75 on a weekday; \$100 on a weeknight; and \$125 on a weekend) to the following address:

Great Lakes Church
GLC Marriage Renewal Ceremony
PO Box 580425
Pleasant Prairie, WI 53158

Questions? Contact Whitney Stoner at whitney@greatlakeschurch.com or call her at the church's Operation Center at (262) 208-4521.