

APPENDIX C: AN EXAMPLE OF APOSTOLIC CHRISTIAN MARRIAGE VOWS

At this time you may arise and join hands to take your wedding vows.

Do you realize the seriousness and the sacredness of the marriage vows you are about to take?

Brother _____, can you now tell us as your love and affection grew for Sister _____ that you counseled with your God and asked him to give you the faith that she should be your future wife?

Sister _____, can you tell us when the proposal came to you, that you counseled with your God and asked him to give you the faith to believe that Brother _____ should be your future husband?

Brother _____, will you pledge your faithfulness to Sister _____ in all love and honor, in all kindness and sympathy, in all faith and tenderness, to cherish her and respect her as your wife, in the holy bonds of matrimony according to the ordinance of God?

Sister _____, will you pledge your faithfulness to Brother _____ in all love and honor, in all kindness and sympathy, in all faith and tenderness, to cherish him and respect him as your husband, in the holy bonds of matrimony according to the ordinance of God?

Brother _____, do you now promise and covenant before God and these many witnesses to be a kind, loving and faithful husband in days of want or plenty, in sorrow or joy, sickness or good health so long as ye both shall live?

Sister _____, do you now promise and covenant before God and these many witnesses to be a kind, loving and faithful wife in days of want or plenty, in sorrow or joy, sickness or good health so long as ye both shall live?

Will you both strive to keep your home in godly order reading the Word of God and praying together.

Should the Lord bless your home with children, you have a duty to rear them in the fear and nurture of the Lord. Your lives are to be an honor unto God, unto the Church, and a blessing to each other.

God has heard your vows and by the authority granted by the Word of God, I now pronounce Brother _(first and last name)_____ and Sister _(first and last name)___ as husband and wife and this is done in the name of the Lord. What therefore God hath joined together, let not man put asunder.

“May the Lord bless you and keep you, the Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.”(Numbers 6:24-26)