**1. PARTIES TO THE AGREEMENT**

This Wedding Officiant Services Agreement ("Agreement") is entered into between:
Officiant: Minister Janice, representing Blessed Beginnings Wedding Ministry ("*Officiant*") and

Partner 1: _____

Partner 2: _____

*Collectively referred to as "the Couple."*

**2. SCOPE OF SERVICES**
The standard wedding package includes:

*Initial Consultation to discuss the Couple's vision, ceremony preferences, religious considerations, and special requests.
*Wedding Vow Preparation (Optional)
*Order of Service Preparation
*Wedding Ceremony Officiating
*Marriage License Completion

Minister Janice will arrive approximately 30 minutes prior to the ceremony start time. The two-hour on-site period begins at the scheduled ceremony start time. Additional time is charged at a rate of $25/hour, prorated in 15-minute increments ($6.25 every additional 15 minutes).

The Officiant will complete and sign the marriage license as required by the jurisdiction where the ceremony takes place and return or submit the necessary documentation to the appropriate government office within the legally required timeframe.

***The Couple remains responsible for obtaining a valid marriage license from the appropriate jurisdiction before the ceremony and paying all government-issued license fees.***

**3. WEDDING CEREMONY FEES**
The following flat rates apply to standard wedding ceremonies:

Within 30 driving miles $250
Additional $2 per mile
Additional Time $25/hour

Travel distances will be calculated one-way using a commonly available mapping service and confirmed before the Agreement is signed.

**4. BOOKING RETAINER AND PAYMENT TERMS**
A booking retainer of $100 is required to reserve the wedding date and time. The retainer is applied toward the total contract price. The wedding date is not considered reserved until the Officiant has received the retainer and both parties have signed this Agreement. The remaining balance must be paid upon Minister Janice's arrival on date of ceremony and prior to the signing of documents.

**5. CANCELLATION POLICY**
The Couple may cancel the wedding officiant services by providing written notice to Blessed Beginnings Wedding Ministry. The following cancellation terms apply, subject to applicable law:

One half ($50) of the booking retainer will be retained to compensate for reserving the date and initial administrative services. Additional documented, nonrecoverable expenses approved by the Couple may be deducted from payments received. Any

remaining amount will be refunded. The Officiant will provide an itemized accounting of retained amounts upon request. All refunds owed will be issued within fourteen (14) calendar days after cancellation, unless applicable law requires a shorter period.

**6. RESCHEDULING POLICY**

The Officiant understands that circumstances may require a change in wedding plans. Requests to reschedule and/or change location must be submitted in writing. Rescheduling is subject to the Officiant's availability and confirmation of the new date, time, and location. Any difference in service fees or travel expenses will be confirmed in writing. If the Officiant is unavailable for the requested new date, the request will be treated as a cancellation under Section 6 unless the parties agree otherwise.

**7. COUPLE'S RESPONSIBILITIES**

The Couple agrees to:

*Obtain a valid marriage license from the appropriate jurisdiction before the wedding
*Provide the marriage license and required identification (Government issued photo ID) to the Officiant before the ceremony.
*Confirm all wedding details, including date, time, location, and special requests.
*Ensure the wedding venue is accessible, safe, and reasonably suitable for the ceremony.
*Provide a designated contact person for wedding-day coordination when applicable.
*Notify the Officiant promptly of changes that may affect the ceremony.
*Ensure both parties are legally eligible to marry and freely consent to the marriage.

***The Officiant is not responsible for government delays, incorrect information supplied by the Couple, or the Couple's failure to obtain a valid marriage license. If a legal marriage cannot be performed because required documentation is missing or invalid, the Officiant may, with the Couple's agreement, perform a symbolic ceremony instead. A symbolic ceremony does not create a legal marriage.***

**8. CEREMONY TIMING AND DELAYS**

The Couple agrees to make reasonable efforts to begin the ceremony at the scheduled time. Additional time beyond the two-hour service period is subject to availability and, if agreed upon, will be billed at $25 per hour. The Officiant may be unable to remain beyond the contracted service period because of other commitments. If the ceremony cannot proceed during the agreed service window, the parties will discuss reasonable alternatives. Any resulting cancellation or refund will be handled under this Agreement and applicable law.

**9. OFFICIANT UNAVAILABILITY OR EMERGENCY**

In the event of serious illness, accident, family emergency, or another circumstance beyond the Officiant's reasonable control that prevents performance, Blessed Beginnings Wedding Ministry will notify the Couple as soon as reasonably possible. The Officiant may assist the Couple in locating a qualified replacement officiant, subject to the Couple's approval. If a replacement is accepted, any changes in services or fees must be agreed upon in writing. If the Officiant cannot perform the ceremony and no mutually acceptable replacement arrangement is made, all payments received for the unperformed ceremony services, including retainer deposit will be refunded.

**10. WEATHER AND OUTDOOR CEREMONIES**

For outdoor weddings, the Couple is responsible for establishing an appropriate backup plan in the event of inclement weather. The Officiant will make reasonable efforts to accommodate weather-related adjustments. The Officiant is not required to perform services in conditions that present a significant risk to personal safety. Any change in ceremony location must be communicated promptly and may require a revised travel fee if the new location is outside the original service area.

**11. RELIGIOUS AND PERSONAL CEREMONY PREFERENCES**

Blessed Beginnings Wedding Ministry offers Christian wedding ceremonies rooted in love, faith, and commitment. The Couple will have an opportunity to discuss their preferences for prayers, Scripture readings, traditional vows, and other meaningful elements during the planning process. The Officiant and Couple will mutually agree upon the ceremony's religious content

and format before the wedding date. Material changes requested after final approval will be accommodated when reasonably possible.

**12. PHOTOGRAPHY AND PUBLICITY**

The Couple retains control over whether photographs or videos of their ceremony may be used for the ministry's promotional purposes. Blessed Beginnings Wedding Ministry will not publish identifiable photographs or videos of the Couple for advertising, social media, or promotional materials without their separate written consent. Permission to use photographs is optional and is not a condition of receiving officiant services.

**13. PROFESSIONAL CONDUCT AND SAFETY**

Blessed Beginnings Wedding Ministry is committed to providing respectful, professional, and compassionate services. The Couple agrees to maintain a reasonably safe environment for the Officiant. The Officiant may suspend or discontinue services if confronted with threats, violence, serious harassment, or conditions presenting an immediate safety risk. Any resulting fees or refunds will be determined according to the circumstances and applicable law.

**14. LIMITATIONS AND RESPONSIBILITIES**

The Officiant will perform the agreed services with reasonable care and professionalism. The Officiant does not guarantee that a government office will issue or record a marriage certificate by a particular date. The Couple understands that the Officiant's role is to solemnize the marriage and complete the legally required officiant portions of the marriage documentation, rather than to determine the Couple's legal eligibility or provide legal advice. Nothing in this Agreement excludes liability for gross negligence, intentional misconduct, or other liability that cannot legally be excluded.

**15. CHANGES TO THIS AGREEMENT**

Any material changes to the wedding date, location, services, or fees must be confirmed in writing by both parties.
Email confirmation may be used to document mutually agreed changes.

**16. GOVERNING LAW AND DISPUTE RESOLUTION**

This Agreement will be interpreted under the applicable laws of the jurisdiction identified below, subject to mandatory consumer protection laws and other legal requirements.

Governing Jurisdiction: _____(*Licensing Jurisdiction*)_____

In the event of a disagreement, both parties agree to make a good-faith effort to resolve the matter through direct communication before pursuing formal legal remedies. Nothing in this section prevents either party from exercising legal rights or remedies available under applicable law.

**17. ENTIRE AGREEMENT**

This Agreement, together with any signed addenda, constitutes the complete understanding between the Couple and Blessed Beginnings Wedding Ministry concerning the services described. Any amendment must be agreed upon in writing. If any provision is found unenforceable, the remaining provisions will continue in effect to the extent permitted by law.

**18. ACKNOWLEDGMENT AND SIGNATURES**

By signing below, the parties acknowledge that they have read, understood, and agreed to the terms of this Wedding Officiant Services Agreement.

***Wedding Information***

Wedding Date: _____ Ceremony Start Time: _____

Venue Name: _____
Venue Address: _____
City/State/Zip: _____

Estimated Guest Count: _____

Base Ceremony Fee: $___250.00_____
Additional Mileage Fee: _____ miles x $2.00 = $_____
Additional Time Fee: _____ hours x $25.00 = $_____

**OPTIONAL SERVICES**
_____Wedding rehearsal, up to 1 hour $125
_____Major holiday ceremony surcharge $75
_____Booking within 3 days of ceremony $50

Total Contract Price: $_____

**Payment Summary**
Total Contract Price: $_____
Booking Retainer: $100.00 Paid _____/_____/_____ Remaining Balance: $_____

PARTNER 1
Printed Name: _____ Signature: _____
Date: _____
PARTNER 2
Printed Name: _____ Signature: _____
Date: _____

Mailing Address: _____
_____
Telephone: _____ Email: _____

OFFICIANT
Minister Janice Beasley
Signature: _____ Date: _____