

*Miami Lakes Congregational Church
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*Wedding
Information*

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INFORMATION

CHURCH

The sanctuary seats 275 people. Smoking, drinking and eating are not permitted in the sanctuary. If your wedding takes place during a season when church has special decorations, the decorations will not be removed for the wedding. Only birds seeds or bubbles are allowed to be thrown in the walkway. Rice cannot be thrown.

FLOWERS & CANDLES

No limit to the amount of flowers or decorations but they will need to be picked up immediately after the wedding. Only artificial petals are to be used by the flower girl. No additional petals are to be dispersed along the main entrance or running carpet. Candles are not permitted in aisles or on the pews.

MUSIC

The use of CD's or tapes must be approved by the minister. Information regarding soloist and special music must be shared with the minister and music director at least two weeks prior to wedding.

PHOTOS & VIDEOS

Flash photography is permitted during the ceremony as long as it is performed in a respectful manner. Video recording only permitted in designated area—no roaming.

We reserve the right to ask any photographer or videographer to leave.
You will have 30 min. for pictures after the ceremony.

MINISTER & REHEARSAL

A scheduled appointment must be held with the Minister, no later than two weeks before the wedding date. Rehearsals are usually scheduled the evening before the wedding, unless arranged otherwise.

UNITY CANDLE OR SAND CEREMONY, MARRIAGE LICENSE & RINGS

These items should be given to the Minister on the day of the rehearsal. **The minister cannot perform the marriage without the license.** Make sure you bring it to the rehearsal and hand it to him. Signing of the marriage license is NOT part of the ceremony. Wedding rings are required.

PACKAGES & FEES

PACKAGE A	PACKAGE B
\$1100 Includes: Church, minister Custodial service, Organist.	\$1400 Includes: Church, minister, custodial service, organist, flowers for the sanctuary Provided by Alicia's Flowers

A non-refundable deposit of 50% of the total fee is required to hold the date. The balance is due one month prior to the wedding.



ADDITIONAL FEES	
Late Fee	\$150.00 Late Fee deposit is due in cash two weeks before the wedding. The deposit will be refunded in full provided that your rehearsal and wedding begins within 15 minutes of the scheduled time.
Soloist (optional)	No longer available



ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Wedding Planners:

- If using a wedding planner, please make sure you give them a copy of this information sheet. They will also need to speak to the minister prior to the wedding.
- We are a church. None of the elements representing the church are to be covered, dismissed or removed. Altar table will be used for unity candle/sand ceremony and will remain in place. The same applies to the lectern.

Regarding children

- Children younger than 3 years old are very unpredictable. Consider the personality and likes of the child before assuming his/her cooperation during the ceremony.
- Make sure the child has a nap or quiet time during the day and eats a healthy meal before the ceremony.
- Have a plan B.

Recommendations.

- Communicate all information regarding your ceremony to the minister.
- Assign a person to bring the rings to church on the day of the wedding.
- Make sure your limo driver knows where to pick you up and where to drop you off.
- Assign a person to bring your candles, flowers and any additional decoration to your house or to the reception hall after the wedding ceremony.
- Make appointments at the beauty salon early enough so you won't be late for your own wedding.
- Do not bring alcohol to church.
- If your planning to use a "mantilla" or other home traditions please inform the Minister prior to the rehearsal.

