



## Pastoral Office Guidelines

DATE: 13<sup>th</sup> May, 2017

RE:	Pastoral Office Guideline 2017/3 WEDDING SOLEMNISATION AT PANTAI BAPTIST CHURCH
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### SOLEMNISATION BY PANTAI BAPTIST CHURCH

This guideline is to ensure there shall be a clear process for those who seek to have their weddings solemnized by one of the leaders/pastoral team from Pantai Baptist Church and to have their civil marriage conducted by the Assistant Registrar of Marriages appointed by the National Registration Department for the church.

It is highly recommended that any prospective couple with intention having their wedding solemnized by PBC meet with one of the leaders of the church nominated by the elders to determine eligibility at the commencement of the process. This meeting will also enable the couple to have an appreciation of the wedding process and for the said leader to understand the couple's needs before any wedding plans are confirmed.

The matters discussed would include the following criteria which need to be satisfied:

- (i). The prospective couple must both be born-again Christians.
- (ii). Either the bridegroom-to-be or bride-to-be must be a member of Pantai Baptist Church and must have worshipped at PBC and partaken the Lord's Supper regularly as member. In this connection, he or she must have been a member at least 6 months prior to the commencement of their premarital course.
- (iii). The couple must complete the premarital course conducted by the church.
- (iv). The couple should express the intention to continue worshipping and serving for the foreseeable future in PBC after the wedding.

We would also be interested to know if the Lord has laid upon the couple's hearts a conviction regarding how they would like to be more involved in the life of the church after their wedding.

We believe the above are necessary to lay a firm marital foundation for the prospective couple and our intention is to guide them in them in every way possible at this crucial stage of their lives after solemnization of the marriage.

## USE BY OTHER CHURCHES

The above is not meant to cover the situation where another church wishes to use PBC's facilities for the purpose of conducting a wedding solemnisation.

In this regard, kindly also note PBC's facilities are currently well used by its ministries and we do not normally let out our premises.

The church wanting to use PBC's premises must submit their application at least six months prior to the date of actual use and must agree to comply with all of PBC's rules set out from time to time for use of PBC's facilities.

Further, we shall only consider applications from Baptist churches which are members of the Malaysian Baptist Convention and any application for use of PBC's facilities must be made in the name of the church concerned.

This shall be the case irrespective of whether one of the two parties (bride or bridegroom-to-be) has been worshipping at PBC for an extended period of time.

All applications received shall be subject to the approval of the PBC elders, at their sole discretion.

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