



Meaningful Ceremonies

Vow Renewal Ceremony – (10-12 minutes)

Let us begin.

(Opening Words)

Friends, family and loved ones, we are here today to bear witness to the joyous marriage of _____ and _____
_____, when you first joined hands and hearts ___ years ago, you did not know where life would take you. You promised to love, honor and cherish one another through all things. Life has surely brought you both wonderful blessings and difficult tribulations. Therefore, you have fulfilled your promise.

Let this be a day of gladness, thanksgiving, possibility, and good fortune for all of us, but especially for ~~~~~ and _____ who are here to renew and celebrate their love. Just as spring blossoms anew after a harsh winter, so must

spouses renew their love for each other in their daily lives. Today begins the new spring of this year's love. So may it be renewed each day in your hearts.

(Reading)

_____ and _____ selected this reading to express the wisdom, grace and joy we feel on this wonderful occasion.
From "Shall We Dance"....

"We need a witness to our lives. There are a billion people on the planet, what does anyone life really mean? But in a marriage, you're promising to care about everything. The good things, the bad things, the terrible things, the mundane things... all of it, all of the time, every day. You're saying 'Your life will not go unnoticed because I will notice it. Your life will not go un-witnessed because I will be your witness'."

(Vows)

_____ & _____, I remind you that marriage is a precious gift, a lifelong dedication to love and a daily challenge to love one another more fully and more freely.

With this in mind, _____ & _____, have you come here freely and with the intention of a renewal of your marriage

vows?

(Both answer, We Have)

Will you continue to love and honor each other as man and wife every day as you have promised to do?

(Both answer, We Do.)

Will you love, comfort and honor, keeping each other forever more?

(Both answer, We Will)

(Instead of the Vows below, Bride and Groom may each choose to read a Personal Vow they have written. Children and other guests may also read tributes to the couple)

Groom do you again take Bride as your wife, will you continue to be faithful to her in tender love and honor, offering encouragement and companionship and will you continue to live with her and cherish her?

(Groom answers I do)

Bride do you again take Groom as your husband, will you continue to be faithful to him in tender love and honor, offering encouragement and companionship and will you continue to live with him and cherish him?

(Bride answers I do)

(Rings)

_____ & _____ have rings as the outward symbols of their ongoing commitment to each other. From earliest times, the ring has been a symbol of wedded love. An unbroken and never-ending circle symbolizes a commitment to love that is also never ending.

(Groom), hold (Bride's) hand, touch her ring, symbolically giving it to her again, and say to her these words.

From this day on, I recommit myself to you, and this ring is a symbol of my pledge.

(Bride), hold (Groom's) hand, touch his ring, symbolically giving it to him again, and say to him these words.

From this day on, I recommit myself to you, and this ring is a symbol of my pledge.

Let these rings serve not as locks binding you together, but as keys, unlocking the secrets of your hearts for each other to know, and thus bringing you closer together forever.

(Pronouncement)

_____ and _____, today you came knowingly to renew your promises of love for one another, not as newlyweds but as a married couple, with the knowledge that life is a journey, not a destination, and you have committed to travel together. Go now and enjoy the love you share forevermore. It is my honor and pleasure to once again pronounce you husband and wife!

You may now kiss each another!