

The Episcopal Diocese of Western Kansas
Petition for
DIVORCED PERSONS SEEKING REMARRIAGE IN THE CHURCH

In order to comply with **Title 1, Canon 19, Canons of the Episcopal Church in the United States of America** permitting divorced persons to be remarried 'in the Church, the Bishop asks the following of clergy and divorced individuals seeking remarriage. Note that some parts of this form are part of a check list but many give room for explanation where you might give insight that I might need in making a judgment.

1. Receiving the Bishop's permission applies to non-Episcopalians as well as those who are members of the Church.
2. If the persons to be remarried are outside the Diocese, permission must be obtained from the Bishop in whose Diocese the marriage will occur.
3. I require written and signed statements by the clergyperson and the person(s) considering re-marriage. (Content of letters attached.) Please complete all and send together to me so that I receive them at least 30 days prior to the marriage date.
4. A period of one-year minimum must have elapsed since a Final Divorce Decree has been issued before I will consider approval of remarriage in the Church.
5. A copy of the Final Decree must be reviewed by the clergyperson doing the premarriage consultation.

I will rely heavily upon the clergyperson's evaluation and recommendation. Please be specific about problems and concerns. Never do not call me thinking things are set in stone. If you have a question 'in your mind please call or write (and mark it confidential).

To be clear, I take this issue of re-marriage very seriously. When there is more than one divorce (per individual) involved, that individual must complete a statement on each failed marriage while the clergy statement can be revised to accommodate this if needed.

If one petitioner has never been married, that person should make a statement concerning their reasons for thinking that their partner and they are ready for marriage and their involvement in the Church.

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