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Authorization to Solemnize Marriage

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The Regional Executive Minister (REM) shall not request a license for the authorization to solemnize marriage from the British Columbia Provincial Government for any individual that contravenes the polity and processes of The United Church of Canada, nor the policies set by The Pacific Mountain Regional Executive.

1. The REM Shall not issue a license to someone who is not a full member in good standing within The United Church of Canada.
2. The REM shall not license more than one lay person per community of faith.
3. The REM shall not request a license to solemnize marriage unless:
 - a. Ministry Personnel are willing to comply with the Community of Faith's policies regarding marriage.
 - b. The proposed Diaconal, Ordained, Designated Lay, Student Supply, Retired Supply, or Ordained/Diaconal Supply Minister is in good standing with the Office of Vocation of The United Church of Canada.
 - c. Designated Lay Ministers or Candidate Supply must be in an appointment with an appointed Community of Faith supervisor.
 - i. having completed an appropriate United Church of Canada program of education related to the solemnization of marriage
 - ii. they remain a full-member of a Community of Faith within Pacific Mountain Region
 - d. Retired Ministry Personnel are in active close affiliation with a Community of Faith.

- e. Ministry Personnel from outside the Province of British Columbia have a written agreement with a Community of Faith within the Pacific Mountain Region for the use of their provincial marriage register.
 - f. The proposed lay person provides a letter of support from their Community of Faith's governing body and the appointed/called ministry personnel or Community of Faith supervisor.
 - g. A trained Community of Faith Supervisor has been appointed (when there is no called/settled ministry personnel).
 - h. The appropriate Regional Minister is informed of the application.
4. The REM shall terminate a license to solemnize marriage within the Province of British Columbia:
 - a. Effective the date of termination of a call, appointment, or disciplinary action.
 - b. 7 calendar days following the proposed date of marriage for special license requested by Ministry Personnel outside the Pacific Mountain Region.
5. The REM shall not issue a license to retired Designated Lay Ministers unless they are in an appointment. If they are not in an appointment any application will be treated as a "Lay Marriage Officiant" and not as Ministry Personnel.