

## REQUIREMENTS FOR A BAHÁ'Í WEDDING:

Those planning to have a Bahá'í wedding in the **Las Vegas Bahá'í Center MUST INFORM THE LAS VEGAS ASSEMBLY ONE MONTH IN ADVANCE OF THE WEDDING** AND need to complete the following requirements for the Local Spiritual Assembly of the Bahá'ís of Las Vegas:

Written verification of the following must be sent to the Las Vegas Bahá'í Assembly:

1. ...the names of two witnesses who you wish to have witness the marriage to ensure the vows are stated. The two witnesses will also sign the Bahá'í wedding certificate. As soon as possible, but at least 30 days before your wedding, please provide the names of your witnesses to the Las Vegas Spiritual Assembly via email. Email:

[lvbahaicenter@hotmail.com](mailto:lvbahaicenter@hotmail.com)

2. ...if you live in the United States, written verification that you (and your fiancé if he or she is a Bahá'í) are a Bahá'í in good standing by requesting that information from the National Spiritual Assembly of the Baha'is of the United States or your Local Spiritual Assembly. **If either of you live outside the United States, you MUST obtain that verification from your National Spiritual Assembly who will send it to the Las Vegas Assembly through the National Spiritual Assembly of the U.S.**

3.... if either of you have been married before, you must provide written verification/proof of civil divorce(s) **no later than 30 days before your wedding.**

4. ...you must provide copies of written letters of consent **from all living parents no later than 30 days before your wedding.**

5. ...please provide written verification that there is **willing consent to the marriage by both the bride and groom**

6. ...the **civil marriage requirements must be met. You must obtain a civil wedding license from the Las Vegas Marriage License Bureau** located at: 201 E. Clark Ave., Las Vegas, NV 89101. Tel # 702-671-0600. Fax: 702-385-8911. email: [clerkem@ClarkCountyNV.gov](mailto:clerkem@ClarkCountyNV.gov) The Bureau is open from 8:00 am to midnight every day of the year including holidays. It will then be signed by the official conducting your wedding.

7. ...if you are having two wedding ceremonies (for example in a case where the civil marriage is in addition to the Bahá'í ceremony) **both the civil and Bahá'í ceremony must be conducted on the same day. The same is true if the bride or groom is not a Bahá'í and wishes to have a ceremony of another religion. - When two Bahá'ís are marrying,** the wedding ceremony should **not** be held in the place of worship of another, nor should the forms of the marriage of other religions be added to the simple Bahá'í ceremony. "In all cases of marriage of Bahá'ís to followers of other religions the Bahá'í has two essential obligations as regards the children: He must not

educate or assume a vow to educate the children of the marriage in a religion other than his own.”

8. ..ensure the change of address for you and your bride is completed and sent into the National Spiritual Assembly's membership office. See attached.

9...the local Las Vegas Bahá'í officiant will ensure the Bahá'í vow is said by both parties: "We will all verily abide by the will of God." Beyond this sacred vow, the couple is responsible for selecting additional prayers, statements, or ceremonial elements they wish included.

10. As soon as possible, please confirm with in writing the address where the Bahá'í ceremony will take place and the location of any other ceremony.

11. ...the Bahá'í marriage certificate is to be signed by the bride and groom and two witnesses. This certificate will be presented to you for signature.

Please call to ensure that someone is at the center to assist you before going to there. The telephone number is: 702-838-9191.

In summary, please provide a letter signed by both you and your fiancé stating that all of these items have been satisfied and send them to the Las Vegas Assembly in advance of your wedding.

The civil ceremony requires that the couple obtain and complete the civil marriage license from the government offices. **These documents must be filled out exactly as per instruction; must be filled out within the margins as specified and must be submitted for recording without stains or marks of any kind, if they do not meet these requirements, the documents will not be accepted by the government offices.**