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VOW RENEWAL

Hi, my name is Megan Summers and it is with great honour that I offer you my services.

A Vow Renewal is a beautiful way to remind you both of how important you are to each other. It is vital that you maintain a deep connection with your spouse, a vow renewal is the perfect way to revisit that intimate connection as you recite the words you said on your wedding day.

Marriage is a commitment which must withstand the tests of time, the challenges life places on you and your relationship are by no means small. By expressing your love and honouring it with ceremony you remind yourselves of how deeply you hold the other in your heart.

This ceremony is not legally binding and no legal wording will be used in the ceremony. It is, however, a returning to the the personal vows you spoke on the day you were married.

You may even like to add to your vows as your experience together has enhanced your lives. You can include family and friends in the ceremony or make it just the two of you. Poems may be read, stories told and fun had as you rekindle all the fondness and affection of your wedding day. A vow renewal allows you to reconnect with the deep love that brought you together.

It would be an honour for me to assist you in planning your Vow Renewal.

Xx Megan



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CEREMONY STRUCTURE

HOUSE KEEPING

The beginning of the ceremony will be announced. This is also the time to let everyone know if you have any requests: e.g. mobile phones off; photos to be taken/not taken during the ceremony.

PROCESSIONAL

You may be present or choose to enter at this stage. A song may be played or a poem read to mark the start of the ceremony.

WELCOME

On your behalf words of gratitude for attendance can also be spoken here and a pronouncement of the purpose of your ceremony spoken.

READINGS

Stories, poems, literature or memories you would like to share can be read at different times through out the ceremony, however at this point the most significant are read.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Special people in your life may be acknowledged here.

PERSONAL VOWS

Your vows are a reflection of your love for one another. They are a verbal acknowledgement of your commitment and express your deepest intention.

RITUAL

You may wish to include a ritual, they can add depth and meaning to your ceremony. Example rituals are: Lighting a Unity Candle; Coloured Sand Ceremony; Sharing of Wine: and a Hand Fastening, just to name a few. You can find more information about these fun and meaningful additions to a ceremony online.

PRESENTATION OF CERTIFICATE

A certificate can be presented to you and your partner as a remembrance of this day.

CONCLUSION

The ceremony can conclude with a reading or song and a few words of reflection. At this point you may wish to direct guests



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MUSIC, POETRY & LITERATURE

While we are all familiar with the importance of music at a ceremony, you may not have considered poetry and literature. I have included a few poems for you to consider how this could enhance your ceremony.

LOVE SONNET 17

~PABLO NERUDA~

I don't love you as if you were the salt-rose, topaz
or arrow of carnations that propagate fire:
I love you as certain dark things are loved,
Secretly, between the shadow and the soul.
I love you as the plant that doesn't bloom and carries
hidden within itself the light of those flowers,
and thanks to your love, darkly in my body
lives the dense fragrance that rises from the earth.
I love you without knowing how, or when, or from where,
I love you simply, without problems or pride:
I love you in this way because I don't know any other way of loving
but this, in which there is no I or you,
so intimate that your hand upon my chest is my hand,
so intimate that when I fall asleep it is your eyes that close.

THIS MARRIAGE

~RUMI~

May these vows and this marriage be blessed.
May it be sweet milk,
this marriage, like wine and halvah.
May this marriage offer fruit and shade
like the date palm.
May this marriage be full of laughter,
our every day a day in paradise.
May this marriage be a sign of compassion,
a seal of happiness here and hereafter.
May this marriage have a fair face and a good
name,
an omen as welcomes the moon in a clear blue sky.
I am out of words to describe
how spirit mingles in this marriage.

A QUOTE

~HAFIZ~

After a million years of shining,
the sun doesn't say to the earth -
'you owe me'.
Imagine a love like this.

LOVE'S PHILOSOPHY

~PERCY BYSSHE SHELLEY~

The fountains mingle with the river,
And the rivers with the ocean;
The winds of heaven mix forever
With a sweet emotion;
Nothing in the world is single:
All things by a law divine
In another's being mingle—
Why not I with thine?
See, the mountains kiss high heaven,
And the waves clasp one another;
No sister flower could be forgiven
If it disdained its brother;
And the sunlight clasps the earth,
And the moonbeams kiss the sea;
What are all these kissings worth,
If thou kiss not me?

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RITUAL

Rituals can add depth and a personal touch to your ceremony. This will often take place after the vows and before the ring exchange. Here are some examples:

Hand Fastening; Sharing of Wine; Lighting of a Unity Candle; Sand Ceremony; Flower Ceremony; to name just a few.

HAND FASTENING

Originating as a Celtic Commitment Ceremony, hand fastening symbolises the tapestry of two lives being woven together as one. The cord that is used to bind your hands together can be simple or extravagant, it is of your choosing. This lovely ceremony can be combined with your vows and personally adapted to you.

SHARING OF WINE

A simple gesture is to share a glass of your favourite wine. A symbol of a shared life.

The style of ritual you choose is very personal and the possibilities are limitless. If you have something different in mind, speak to me and let us see if we can make it happen!

FINAL NOTE

It is of the utmost importance that you keep me up to date with the format you wish to have in place at your ceremony. It is essential that you communicate any changes you would like to make to the ceremony.

I will do everything in my power to make this day the most perfect day.

Please feel free to contact me.

Thank you for considering me as your Celebrant.

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