

**HYDE PARK UNITED METHODIST**

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**CHURCH POLICY FOR WEDDING PHOTOGRAPHERS**

**The bride/groom and the photographer must sign this copy and return it to the church office. Please make a copy for the photographer to keep for reference.**

Because a wedding is a worship service of joy and dedication, we expect photographers and video operators to treat the wedding service with respect and dignity. The following are the policies of our church:

1. Pictures may be taken of the bridal party in the narthex preceding the wedding processional.
2. The photographer may **NOT** come down the aisle beyond the back row of the congregation.
3. Pictures may be taken (WITHOUT FLASH) from the rear of the church during the ceremony.
4. Pictures may be taken (FLASH) from the rear of the church during the recession.
5. A video camera may be set up in the choir loft, sanctuary alcove or in the rear of the sanctuary. There can be NO MOVEMENT from one location to another during the ceremony, and no use of artificial light.
6. Formal wedding pictures may be taken prior to or following the ceremony.
7. Smoking is not permitted anywhere on the church property at anytime.
8. It is suggested that photographers arrive one and a half (1-1/2) hours before the wedding so they can get their equipment in place before guests arrive.
9. Pictures must be completed within 45 minutes of the completion of the wedding. After 45 minutes, the custodian has been instructed to begin turning off the lights and securing the building.

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Bride or Groom	Date	Photographer	Date
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