



HOW MUCH WILL A WEDDING COST?

The fee for weddings booked during 2009 is \$850.00, which includes the use of the Sanctuary, dressing rooms, and fees for the Minister, Organist, Wedding Hostess, and Wedding Host. A non-refundable deposit of \$100.00 must be paid at the time of reservation. The remainder of \$750.00 must be received not later than one month prior to the wedding.

Several candelabras are available for use during weddings with a nominal charge for the appropriate candles. Also, special wedding pew candleholders may be rented from the Church for \$5.00 each. Arrangements may be made with the Wedding Hostess.

WEDDING RECEPTIONS

When the schedule of the Church permits, receptions may be held in Fellowship Hall. The donation for the use of this room is \$250.00. The \$50.00 deposit required to reserve the room will be returned if the reception is cancelled up to thirty days in advance. The Church's Gourmet Committee caters all wedding receptions. Arrangements should be made through the Church office. The charges for this service depend on the refreshments chosen and the number of guests to be served. *The serving of alcoholic beverages is not permitted at Church receptions or on the Church campus.* Reception charges due the Church must be paid in full not later than one month before the reception date.

DISCLAIMER

La Canada Congregational Church reserves the right to cancel scheduled wedding services when church procedures and protocol are not observed by the participants.

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Weddings

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The **La Canada Congregational Church**, affiliated with the United Church of Christ, has given service to the community of La Canada for more than a century. As a Congregational Church, it

brings to today the centuries long traditions of respect for religious freedom, support for education and encouragement of individual responsibility.

These qualities are uniquely suited to the multicultural society, which is Southern California. Working with the Minister and wedding staff you will be able to create your own special tradition within this framework.



Whether your wedding will be an intimate and close family service or a day of celebration for virtually everyone in your lives, our facilities can accommodate your needs. For the larger wedding our sanctuary can seat up to 250 people. Yet the chancel can provide a pleasant space for the smaller group.



The bride and her attendants dress and relax in a comfortable room, which provides privacy until the grand entrance. The bridegroom and his men have

an area of their own. Thus, the bride and bridegroom can elect to see each other for the first time on their wedding day at the altar.

Your guests are welcomed in an open courtyard that provides protection from the weather and access to the natural beauty surrounding the church, all designed to greet you and your guests with inspiration and comfort.



THINGS YOU WILL WANT TO KNOW ABOUT WEDDINGS

Your first contact should be with the church office (818) 790-1185. The staff will help you arrange a date and time for the rehearsal and wedding. An appointment should be made about one month ahead with the Minister, who will acquaint you with our wedding service and work with you to meet your special needs.

Two months prior to the wedding, an appointment should be made with the Wedding Hostess. She will work with you to ensure that the mechanics of the day flow smoothly.

The Minister of the Church conducts all weddings and approves their content. The wedding itself is considered a service of public worship.

The Organist of the Church, or a substitute designated by the Church, plays for all weddings where the organ is used. Contact the organist three weeks in advance. He will help you integrate all of the music. He is available one hour prior to the wedding for accompaniment rehearsal. If additional solo rehearsal time is required the Organist charges \$50/hr.

Floral decorations are your responsibility. Arrangements for delivery and decoration should be made with the Wedding Hostess. White aisle runners are **not** permitted. The throwing of bird seed (*no rice please!*) is permitted only in the parking lot.

The arrangements for the services of a photographer/videographer are the responsibility of the wedding couple. **Flash equipment may not be used during the wedding. The photographer/cameraman must remain in the rear of the sanctuary or in the balcony throughout the service. Pictures and video may be taken following the conclusion of the service without these restrictions.** The church will be open one and a half hours prior to the wedding. Photographers are allowed one half hour after the service for pictures in the sanctuary.

THINGS TO REMEMBER

A one-hour rehearsal should be scheduled on a day prior to the wedding. **All** members of the wedding party, including parents, if possible, should be present and prompt. Delay in starting the rehearsal will jeopardize the time available. Lost time will not be recovered at the end. Vocalists or musicians requiring rehearsal in the sanctuary are scheduled one and one half hours before the wedding.

The marriage license **must** be brought to the Church at the rehearsal. **Note:** A wedding **cannot** take place without presentation of a valid California marriage license.