

VIRGINIA: IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE COUNTY OF FLUVANNA

RE: _____
(Petitioner's Name)

Case # _____

**PETITION TO PERFORM RELIGIOUS MARRIAGE CEREMONIES
PURSUANT TO § 20-23 OF THE CODE OF VIRGINIA**

COMES NOW the petitioner seeking authorization to perform religious marriage ceremonies pursuant to Virginia Code §20-23.

Petitioner's religious organizations name: _____

Petitioner's religious denomination: _____

Petitioner's religious organizations address:

(Street Address)

_____, Virginia _____
(City) (Zip Code)

Petitioner's religious organization phone number(s): _____

Petitioner's home address:

(Street Address)

_____, Virginia _____
(City) (Zip Code)

Petitioner's phone number: _____

Petitioner's email address: _____

The above statements are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Signature of Petitioner

Petition must be accompanied by the Religious Qualification Questionnaire.

RELIGIOUS QUALIFICATION QUESTIONNAIRE

1. A. Are you serving as an ordained leader of your congregation? Yes No

B. How long have you been an ordained leader? _____

C. Is your tenure for a definite period? Yes No

If yes, state the length of your term. _____

D. How many other ordained leaders are appointed in your church? _____

2. Describe in detail your credentials for being an ordained religious leader (i.e. schooling, degree, seminars, etc.). _____

3. Describe the requirements your organization places on becoming an ordained religious leader (i.e. time requirements, schooling, training, etc.). _____

4. How do your responsibilities differ from those of the members of the congregation?

5. List the privileges and benefits derived from your ordination (i.e. perform Baptisms, authority to preside over services, etc.). _____

6. Outline the leadership structure of your organization. _____

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Signature of Petitioner

The following must be filed with the petition & questionnaire:

- A copy of the ordination certificate or local religious license,
- An original letter on official stationery, signed by an official of the Petitioner's religious society, stating that the prospective celebrant is in good standing with the religious society, and
- Filing fee of \$56.