

**PGM CHURCH  
CONFIDENTIAL PRE-WEDDING FORM**

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If a couple would like to be married or counselled by our minister or who would like to use our church for their wedding ceremony, must **FIRST** turn in this form and have a preliminary meeting with our minister Reverend Mata Tumu-Makara.

To schedule your preliminary meeting with Rev. Tumu-Makara or \_\_\_\_\_, please call and set up an appointment. Ph: 09 3789838  
Or email: [pgmchurch@xtra.co.nz](mailto:pgmchurch@xtra.co.nz).

Before the first counselling meeting, the following form must be filled out in detail **BY BOTH THE MAN AND THE WOMAN** and returned to the church office at least 48 hours before the scheduled first meeting. This form can be mailed to the church office (31 Anglesea Street Ponsonby Auckland 1011) or given to Rev. Mata at a Sunday service or email [pgmchurch@xtra.co.nz](mailto:pgmchurch@xtra.co.nz)

**IMPORTANT NOTICE:** Please answer the following 5 prerequisites for being married at our church and/or having Rev. Tumu-Makara marry you and/or go through pre-marital counselling with you before going on further.

1. Do you have a personal connection to a church? ( ) No ( ) Yes If yes, what is the connection: I am a member year \_\_\_\_\_ / I have been attending the church for \_\_\_\_\_ months/years. OR do I have a family member that regularly attends the church? \_\_\_\_\_
2. Are you both willing to fill out this confidential and detailed pre-marital counselling form and participate in a session with the minister to discuss the information on this form? ( ) No ( ) Yes
3. Are you willing to go through at least 3 pre-marital counselling sessions with a minister (of your choice), counsellor, or leader in the church? ( ) No ( ) Yes
4. Is your desired wedding date at least 3 months or more from today? ( ) No ( ) Yes
5. Are you currently living together? ( ) No ( ) Yes

To enter a God-honouring Christian marriage relationship, we recommend that you refrain from further sexual activity until your wedding night to focus your attention and energies on building a God-honouring relationship during your engagement period and a firmer foundation for your future marriage.

If you answered YES to all 5 questions above, we invite you to proceed with filling out and turning in this pre-marital counselling form. To best serve you for pre-marital counselling and a Christian wedding ceremony, the following practical and personal information will be extremely helpful. If there is anything you are uncomfortable answering in writing, please leave it blank and it can be discussed on a personal basis with the minister. Completed surveys **MUST BE RECEIVED** from the man and the woman, before the preliminary meeting.

At the close of the preliminary session, the minister will share with you if he is willing to perform your wedding ceremony and/or in addition to leading you through three (2) or more pre-marital counselling visits. If you are seeking to use our church facility for your wedding but have someone else who can perform the ceremony and/or pre-marital counselling, the minister will decide at the end of this meeting if you can use our church for your wedding ceremony. Pre-marital counselling covers spiritual, physical, and emotional areas of your life.

***Note: Each couple is to fill out their form.***

Desired wedding ceremony? Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Time: \_\_\_\_\_ AM or PM

**Who would you like to perform your wedding ceremony?**

( ) Rev. Mata Tumu-Makara or \_\_\_\_\_

Whom would you like to handle your pre-marital counselling?

( ) Rev. Mata Tumu-Makara or \_\_\_\_\_

Where would you like your wedding ceremony to take place?

( ) At PGM Church or ( ) At the following location: \_\_\_\_\_

## PERSONAL DETAILS

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Birth Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Current Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Full address: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_

1. In my current housing situation, I am living ( ) Alone ( ) With roommate(s) ( ) With Family ( ) With my fiancée
2. Current Marital Status: ( ) Single, Never Previously Married ( ) Single, Divorced ( ) Single, Widowed
3. If you were previously married...
  - a. On what grounds/basis did the marriage dissolve/end? \_\_\_\_\_ Date? \_\_\_\_\_
  - b. Is your former spouse: ( ) Still Unmarried ( ) Remarried
  - c. Is the relationship with your former spouse: ( ) Non-existent ( ) Hostile ( ) Difficult ( ) Friendly ( ) Pleasant
4. For engaged individuals who currently have children from this relationship or a previous relationship:

First Name \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name \_\_\_\_\_ Sex \_\_\_ Age \_\_\_

Custody: ( ) Full ( ) Partial ( ) None

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Custody: ( ) Full ( ) Partial ( ) None

## EMPLOYMENT

( ) Employment: \_\_\_\_\_

( ) Self-employed as: \_\_\_\_\_

( ) Student at \_\_\_\_\_ will graduate (year): \_\_\_\_\_

( ) Currently unemployed

( ) Full-time homemaker, formerly employed as a: \_\_\_\_\_

( ) Retired: Formerly employed as: \_\_\_\_\_

( ) Other: \_\_\_\_\_

## EDUCATION

( ) Primary ( ) Intermediate ( ) College

( ) Tertiary: Diploma/Degree in: \_\_\_\_\_

## CHURCH BACKGROUND

I started attending PGM Church in:

Or I attend: \_\_\_\_\_ Minister's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Regularly  Sometimes  Special occasions  Not at all

Reason for sometimes, occasion or not at all attendance:

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## SPIRITUAL JOURNEY

Which of the following do you feel best describes where you are in your spiritual journey with Jesus Christ?

#1 - Little or no religious background: I seldom or never attended church while growing up. I have little or no knowledge of the Bible and what it means to be a Christian.

#2 - Somewhat religious: I grew up attending church on a regular or occasional basis. I have a basic understanding of some of the Bible stories and consider myself to be a Christian. I have a concept of God in my life, but for the most part, I live my life according to what I think or feel is best for me. If I died today, I would hope to go to heaven, but I am uncertain if a person can know with 100% confidence that they will go to heaven when they die.

#3 - Spiritual Seeker: I feel I am at a point in my life where I have a genuine desire to have a better understanding of the Bible, Jesus Christ, and the Christian faith. I am still investigating Biblical Christianity and I am open to God becoming more real to me. I have not yet fully yielded my life to Jesus Christ, and I have not yet put my trust in Him to forgive all my sins. If someone asked me if I have been "born again", I would say "no" or I would not be sure what they were talking about.

The thing(s) I feel are holding me back from committing and giving my life fully to the Lord are: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Note:** *The minister will be happy to help you resolve your spiritual questions and concerns so that you can become a follower of Jesus Christ.*

**#4 - Backsliding Christian believer: In the past (approximate age(s): \_\_\_\_\_), I had a genuine love for God and had asked Jesus Christ to be my personal Lord and Saviour. In recent years, I have been out of fellowship with the Lord, have not been active in a Bible-believing church, have not developed or maintained close Christian friendships, and have spent little or no time in the Bible.**

**#5 - New/Young/Recommitted Christian Believer: I have recently become a born-again Christian and I am excited about my new relationship with Jesus Christ OR I have been a born-again Christian for a long time but am only recently discovering God's deep love for me and His desire to work in and through my life.**

**#6 - Stable/Growing Christian Believer: I am confident of God's active working and leading in my life. I look to Him and His word regularly. I am regularly involved every week in a Bible-believing church, and I look for ways to serve the Lord and others.**

**#7 - Mature Christian Believer: I have a deep and consistent walk with the Lord. I am actively attending and serving every week in a Bible-believing church. I understand my spiritual giftedness and actively use my time, gifts, and resources to influence others for the Lord.**

**For those who checked #4, #5, #6, or #7: How and when did you come to know Jesus Christ personally?**

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**For those who checked #5, #6, or #7: What do you currently do to actively maintain your relationship with the Lord?**

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**FAMILY BACKGROUND**

During your growing up years, who raised you?

Natural parents  Single parent:  mom  dad  1 Natural/1 step-parent  Adoptive parents  Relatives

How would you rate your growing up years?

Kindergarten:  Happy  Okay  Difficult Because: \_\_\_\_\_

Primary School:  Happy  Okay  Difficult Because: \_\_\_\_\_

Intermediate:  Happy  Okay  Difficult Because: \_\_\_\_\_

High School:  Happy  Okay  Difficult Because: \_\_\_\_\_

Tertiary:  Happy  Okay  Difficult Because: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of siblings: \_\_\_\_\_ you are number \_\_\_\_\_

If your parent(s) are still living, where are they living? \_\_\_\_\_

What was the primary profession/vocation of your (dad): \_\_\_\_\_,  
(mother): \_\_\_\_\_

Were any of your parents or siblings?  Physically abusive  verbally abusive  sexually abusive  Alcoholics  Drug users  none.

Comments:

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What was the religious faith of your parents?

Father: \_\_\_\_\_

Mother: \_\_\_\_\_

Who in your life has had the greatest spiritual influence on your faith in God? \_\_\_\_\_

## PERSONAL ISSUES

- How long have you known your fiancée? \_\_\_\_\_
- How long have you been actively dating? \_\_\_\_\_
- How would you describe the pulse of your relationship during your dating/engagement period? ( ) Heaven on earth ( ) Happy ( ) Okay ( ) Rocky - up & down ( ) Very Difficult Because: \_\_\_\_\_
- How do your parents feel about your marriage to your fiancée? ( ) Excited ( ) Accepting ( ) Questioning ( ) Against
- How do your future in-laws feel about your marriage to your fiancée? ( ) Excited ( ) Accepting ( ) Questioning ( ) Against
- How do your 1-3 closest personal friends feel about your marriage to your fiancée? ( ) Excited ( ) Accepting ( ) Questioning ( ) Against
- How would you describe your sexual relationship up until this point? ( ) Saving yourselves sexually for marriage. ( ) Physically/sexually involved with each other. ( ) Have lived or are currently living together.
- Are there any secrets you are holding in and you feel that if your fiancée found out, you would be afraid they might call off the wedding? ( ) No ( ) Yes, If yes, are you willing to discuss this during the pre-marital counselling session? ( ) Yes ( ) No
- Have you ever been treated for depression? ( ) No ( ) Yes. Year(s) treated \_\_\_\_\_
- Have you ever attempted suicide? ( ) No ( ) Yes. Year: \_\_\_\_\_
- Have you ever had any homosexual experiences? ( ) None ( ) One time in the past. ( ) Some encounters in the past. ( ) Numerous encounters in the past. ( ) Currently involved.
- Have you ever? ( ) Used drugs (type/s: \_\_\_\_\_) ( ) Had a drinking problem ( ) Been arrested ( ) Been in jail ( ) None of these
- Have you ever? ( ) Prayed aloud together ( ) Read/discussed the Bible together ( ) Attended a Bible study group together ( ) None of these
- Have you discussed in detail the issue of children (timing of children and the number of children you desire)? ( ) No ( ) Yes
- In the past, when I have gotten into disagreements or arguments with a loved one or family member, I have: ( ) Screamed ( ) Clammed up and refused to talk ( ) Covered up my true feelings ( ) Lied about my feelings ( ) Blamed everything on the other person ( ) Gave the person the silent treatment for \_ hours OR \_\_ days ( ) Punched them ( ) Hurt them ( ) Promised to get even ( ) Called them bad names ( ) Flew into a rage ( ) Threw things or broke things ( ) Pouted ( ) Prayed with

them about the problem/issue ( )Gotten a 3rd party to help us work through the problem/issue ( )Calmed myself down so the problem could be discussed and resolved ( )Brought up old issues from the past ( )Walked out of the room ( )Slammed doors ( )Left the house mad ( )Got drunk ( )Went shopping

- Are there any significant health problems you are bringing into the marriage? ( ) No ( ) Yes. Explain: \_\_\_\_\_
- Are there any financial debts that you bring into the marriage?  
( ) Student loans of \$\_\_\_\_\_ ( ) Unpaid credit card bills of \$\_\_\_\_\_  
( ) Unpaid medical bills of \$\_\_\_ ( ) Personal or family loans of \$\_\_\_\_\_  
( ) Monthly car payment of \$\_\_\_\_\_ ( ) Mortgage of \$\_\_\_\_\_  
( ) other debts/loans of \$\_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_

Check any words that describe your financial attitudes and habits:  
( )Spender ( )Shopper ( ) Saver ( )Out of control ( )Orderly ( )In debt  
( )Spend less than I make ( )Spend more than I make ( ) Throw out or give away what I'm not using ( )Generous ( ) Extravagant ( ) Parents spoiled me  
( )Parents deprived me ( ) Parents trained me in financial matters ( )My family argued about money issues ( )Greedy ( )Tight ( )Investor  
( )Financially clueless ( )Operate on a budget-spending-savings plan ( )Live for the moment ( )Careful shopper ( )Bargain hunter ( ) I have money in the bank ( )Have attended a Bible Study or Christian seminar on financial matters ( )Garage sale & thrift store shopper ( )On-line shopper ( ) Park n Save or Countdown ( )Boutiques or department store shopper ( ) Compare prices.

Have you and your fiancée worked together to develop a written household income/spending plan for your new marriage? ( ) Yes ( ) No

Are there any fears, concerns, or apprehensions you currently have about your future marriage to your fiancée? ( ) No ( ) Yes. Item(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Are you willing to go through 2 or more pre-marital counselling sessions before your wedding ceremony to assess and work on your spiritual foundations as a couple, your personality make-up, your future and children, and your wedding ceremony plans? ( ) Yes ( ) No

If yes, who would you like to do this with ( ) Rev. Mata Tumu-Makara OR ( ) Name of Minister: \_\_\_\_\_, ( ) Counsellor: \_\_\_\_\_



In pre-marital counselling, are you willing to faithfully complete any given reading, test assessment, or homework assignment? ( ) Yes ( ) No

Are you financially able to donate reading resources and test assessment materials if requested? ( ) Yes ( ) No

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Names: \_\_\_\_\_ (man) \_\_\_\_\_ (woman)

Preliminary meeting by Rev. Mata Tumu-Makara on \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

Approved for a wedding ceremony at \_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/ at \_\_\_\_ am/pm to be officiated by: Rev. Mata Tumu-Makara or \_\_\_\_\_

Pre-marital counselling to take place by 1<sup>st</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ 2<sup>nd</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ 3<sup>rd</sup> \_\_\_\_\_

Place: \_\_\_\_\_

Rev. Tumu-Makara's or \_\_\_\_\_ Recommendations:

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