

MCC Marriage Ceremony Request Policy

Introduction

Marriage is the fundamental building block of a healthy society. It is through this divine system we build our family. In essence, the marriage (Nikah) ceremony is a contract between two people that will have major implications for both families involved as well as the future progeny. Therefore, it is a very serious endeavor that must be done according to Islamic guidance which combines scripture, legal maxims, and practical experience.

Exploratory process

- It is preferred that both potential spouses be Muslim. This can be discussed at the preliminary exploratory meeting with the Imam.
- Preliminary 30 min. meeting with the Imam. After which the Imam will decide if he is willing to perform this marriage or not.

Pre-Marriage Requirements

1. Highly Recommended: Set up at least one session of Pre-Marital Counseling with the Khalil Institute. We Must receive an email confirming this was fulfilled. Forward the confirmation email to Imam@charlottemcc.org.
2. Book your Meeting with the Khalil Institute [here](#)
3. Set a specific time, date and place for your Nikah Ceremony
 - a. If you'd like to use MCC for your Nikah, fill out [this form](#).
4. Obtain a Marriage License from a local county court and bring it to the ceremony for signature of Imam and witnesses.

5. Every couple must agree on a Mahr (dowry). This is the wife's right which is in essence a request for a gift as a token of appreciation for her accepting to marry a man who seeks marriage with her.

Marriage Ceremony Policy and Procedure

- There is a customary honorarium for the Imam.
 - * For an onsite ceremony at MCC, the Imam's honorarium is \$100 for an MCC member and \$200 for a non-member.
 - * For an offsite ceremony in the Charlotte metropolitan area, the fee is \$200 for a member and \$300 for a non-MCC member
 - * For a ceremony at a distance from MCC, the honorarium will be based on the distance of travel and time consumption.
 - * Sunday and Monday are the Imam's off days. If available, the honorarium will be an extra \$100.
- The previously unmarried female must have a male Muslim family member approve of the marriage and a convert woman must have the Imam's approval. A previously married woman can be her own advocate.
- There must be two practicing Muslim witnesses.
- If the ceremony will be at MCC all preparations and arrangements must be approved by the building manager.
- Both the man and the woman must be present at the ceremony.
- The pre-ceremony introduction is 15 minutes long.
- The actual ceremony is 2-3 minutes long.

Please email any questions to Imam@charlottemcc.org