

# CLACKAMAS COUNTY MARRIAGE POLICY

*The Clackamas County Marriage Policy is similar to Community Marriage Policies® implemented in some 220 communities across our country (Ref: [www.marriagesavers.org](http://www.marriagesavers.org)). It has been adopted by 173 Clackamas County churches.*

We, the undersigned leaders of the faith community of Clackamas County, have the unique opportunity and obligation to help strengthen marriages in our community. With this policy we establish community-wide standards for premarital counseling and marriage enrichment resources, which will benefit all marriages and families.

Our common mission is to significantly decrease the level of divorce in traditional marriages.

## **WE BELIEVE:**

- That God has established in Scripture the sanctity and companionship of marriage;
- That a marriage created by God is a lifelong and unique covenant between one man and one woman;
- That we have a responsibility to provide the best available premarital preparation to every engaged couple;
- That we have a responsibility to provide ongoing support to strengthen and nourish existing marriages;
- That we can accomplish these goals together in community better than working separately.

## **THEREFORE WE WILL:**

1. Promote sexual purity and abstinence outside of marriage.
2. Teach faithfulness within marriage.
3. Encourage a courtship of at least one year.
4. Advise at least four months marriage preparation.
5. Require a minimum of four mentoring sessions, utilizing both Scripture and a premarital inventory.
6. Endeavor to train mature, married couples to serve as mentors to work with seriously dating and engaged couples, newlyweds, blended families, and those experiencing marital difficulties.
7. Schedule two post-marital counseling sessions within the first year of marriage.
8. Provide marriage enrichment opportunities, such as classes, small groups, and/or retreats, to build and strengthen marriages.
9. Cooperate with other faith communities and organizations to share marriage building resources and events.
10. Support other faith communities in prayer for marriage and families.

## **COVENANT**

I commit to seek the endorsement of these standards by my congregation and to encourage others to do so, for the glory of God and the good of our whole community.

## **PASTORS OF THE FOLLOWING CHURCHES HAVE SIGNED THE ABOVE POLICY:**

Abundant Life Christian Church, Boring ◦ Aims Community Church, Corbett ◦ Barton Community Baptist Church, Boring ◦ Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church, Portland ◦ Beaver Creek Baptist Church ◦ Bethany Evangelical Free Church, Canby ◦ Calvary Chapel, Oregon City ◦ Calvary Mennonite Church, Aurora ◦ Canby Alliance Church ◦ Canby Assembly of God ◦ Canby Chapel Church of the Nazarene ◦ Canby Christian Church ◦ Canby Evangelical Church ◦ Canby Seventh Day Adventist Church ◦ Canyon Creek Bible Fellowship, Colton ◦ Canyon Creek Church, Wilsonville ◦ Carus Community United Methodist Church, Oregon City ◦ Christ Church Apostolic, Oregon City ◦ Christ Community, Tualatin ◦ Christ The King Church, Milwaukie ◦ Christ The Vine Lutheran Church, Clackamas ◦ Christian Faith Church, Portland ◦ Church Of Christ, Molalla ◦ Church Of The Nazarene, Gladstone ◦ Church Of The Nazarene, Estacada ◦ Church of The Resurrection, Tualatin ◦ Clackamas Bible Church, Clackamas ◦ Clackamas Christian Center, Milwaukie ◦ Clackamas Community Christian Church, Gladstone ◦ Clackamas Park Friends Church, Milwaukie ◦ Clackamas Valley Baptist Church, Estacada ◦ Colton Community Church ◦ Community Of Hope ELCA, Wilsonville ◦ Community Presbyterian Church, Sandy ◦ Crossroads Community Church, Molalla ◦ Damascus Assembly Of God, Boring ◦ Dodge Community Church, Estacada ◦ Dover Community Church, Sandy ◦ Eagle Creek Foursquare Church, Estacada ◦ Eagle Wings Ministry, Milwaukie ◦ Eastridge Church, Clackamas ◦ Emmanuel Community Church, Clackamas ◦ Estacada Assembly of God ◦ Estacada First Baptist Church ◦ Estacada Seventh Day Adventist Church ◦ Evangelical Church Of Molalla ◦ Evergreen Community Church, Oregon City ◦ Faith & Life Center Free Methodist Church, Gladstone ◦ Faith Evangelical Church, Milwaukie ◦ Far Horizons Fellowship, Molalla ◦ Fellowship Bible Church, Sandy ◦ First Baptist Church, Gladstone ◦ First Baptist Church of Oregon City ◦ First Door of Faith Church, Sandy ◦ First Love Ministries, Milwaukie ◦ First Presbyterian Church, Oregon City ◦ Foothills Community Church, Molalla ◦ George Community Church, Estacada ◦ Gladstone Assembly Of God Church ◦ Gladstone Christian Church ◦ Gladstone Park Seventh Day Adventist Church ◦ Good Shepherd Community Church, Boring ◦ Grace Chapel, Wilsonville ◦ Grace Lutheran Church, Molalla ◦ Grace Community Church, Milwaukie ◦ Happy Valley Baptist Church ◦ Happy Valley Evangelical Church, Portland ◦ Harvest Christian Center, Milwaukie ◦ Hillside Christian Fellowship, Clackamas ◦ Hilltop Community Church, Oregon City ◦ Hispanic Foursquare Church, Canby ◦ Hollyview Family Fellowship, Boring ◦ Hope Community Church, Lake Oswego ◦ Hope Fellowship Evangelical Free Church, Wilsonville ◦ Iglesia Bautista Vista Grande, Beaver Creek ◦ Jubilee Christian Church, Beaverton ◦ Korean United Methodist Church of Portland, Lake Oswego ◦ Lake Grove Presbyterian Church, Lake Oswego ◦ Life Christian Center, Milwaukie ◦ Light on the Hill Fellowship, Oregon City ◦ Linwood Church Of Christ, Milwaukie ◦ Living Hope Community Church, Wilsonville ◦ Living Streams Church of Christ, Clackamas ◦ Living Way Fellowship, Sandy ◦ Living Word Fellowship-Assembly of God Church, Boring ◦ Logan Community Church, Milwaukie ◦ Lower Highland Bible Church, Beaver Creek ◦ Maranatha Baptist Church, Oregon City ◦ Marquam United Methodist Church ◦ Meadowbrook Community Church, Mulino ◦ Milwaukie Christian Church ◦ Milwaukie Covenant Church ◦ Milwaukie Evangelical Methodist Church ◦ Milwaukie First Baptist Church ◦ Molalla Assembly of God Church ◦ Molalla Christian Church ◦ Molalla Church of the Nazarene ◦ Mollala Conservative Baptist Church ◦ Monitor Bible Church, Woodburn ◦ Mountain Park Baptist Church, Lake Oswego ◦ Mt Scott Church of God, Portland ◦ Mulino Community Baptist Church ◦ Neighborhood Church, Tualatin ◦ New Beginnings Foursquare Church, Molalla ◦ New Hope Community Church, Portland ◦ New Life Christian Center, Milwaukie ◦ New Life Church ◦ New Wine Christian Fellowship, Clackamas ◦ Northridge Community Church, Milwaukie ◦ Oak Grove Church, Milwaukie ◦ Oak Hills Presbyterian Church, Milwaukie ◦ Ohana Christian Fellowship, Milwaukie ◦ Oregon City Assembly Of God ◦ Oregon City Bible Chapel ◦ Oregon City Christian Church ◦ Oregon City Church Of Christ ◦ Oregon City Church Of The Nazarene ◦ Oregon City Evangelical Church ◦ Oregon City Foursquare Church ◦ Oregon City United Methodist Church ◦ Oregon Conference of the Seventh Day Adventist Church, Canby ◦ Our Lady of The Lake Catholic Church, Lake Oswego ◦ Park Place Evangelical Church, Oregon City ◦ Peace Lutheran Church, Estacada ◦ Pleasant Home Community Church, Gresham ◦ Pleasant Valley Seventh Day Adventist Church, Boring ◦ Praise Chapel, Portland ◦ Reformation Covenant Church, Oregon City ◦ River Oaks Church, Milwaukie ◦ River West Church, Lake Oswego ◦ Rolling Hills Community Church, Tualatin ◦ Sandy Assembly Of God Church ◦ Sandy Baptist Church ◦ Sandy Church of the Nazarene ◦ Sandy Seventh Day Adventist Church ◦ Solid Rock Baptist Church, Portland ◦ South Clackamas Community Church, Molalla ◦ Southgate Chapel, Canby ◦ Southgate City Church, Wilsonville ◦ Southridge Foursquare Church ◦ Spring Mountain Bible Church, Clackamas ◦ Springtree Christian Center, Clackamas ◦ St Cyril Catholic Church, Wilsonville ◦ St James Catholic Church, Molalla ◦ St John The Apostle Catholic Church, Oregon City ◦ St John The Baptist Catholic Church, Milwaukie ◦ St Michael's Catholic Church, Sandy ◦ St Patrick's Catholic Church, Canby ◦ St Phillip Benizi Catholic Church, Oregon City ◦ Stone Creek Christian Church, Oregon City ◦ Sunnyside Church of the Nazarene, Portland ◦ Sunnyside Community Church, Clackamas ◦ Sunnyside Foursquare Church, Clackamas ◦ The Church on the Mountain, Welches ◦ The Country Church, Molalla ◦ The Crossing Community Church, Clackamas ◦ Thompson Road Bible Fellowship, Milwaukie ◦ Timber Valley Bible Church, Colton ◦ Tremont Evangelical Church, Portland ◦ Tri-City Baptist Temple, Gladstone ◦ Trinity Lutheran Church-LCMS, Oregon City ◦ Two Rivers Church, Milwaukie ◦ United Methodist Church, Oregon City ◦ Valley Christian Church, Wilsonville ◦ Valley View Evangelical Church, Clackamas ◦ Victorious Faith Family Church, Oregon City ◦ West Linn Foursquare Church, Tigard ◦ Wichita Avenue Evangelical Church, Portland ◦ Willamette Valley Wesleyan Church, Wilsonville ◦ Wilsonville United Methodist Church ◦ Young Nak Presbyterian Church, Lake Oswego