

Excerpts from ACNA/GAD Marriage Policies
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1. Publishing the Banns is encouraged but not required.
2. Both parties to be married must be baptized.
3. You need the Bishop's permission if the marriage is not to be performed in a worship space.
4. If the parties are members of your church, they should have a Christian marriage that is somehow civilly recognized.
5. Counseling by the clergy is required for both parties.
6. You must ensure that the couple has a valid marriage license.
7. You need the Bishop's approval if either party has been divorced. See the request from provided if this provision applies.
8. Use of the new Declaration of Intention is encouraged.
9. A Record of the Marriage is to be kept in the permanent files of the church where the service was conducted.

If you do not need the Bishop's permission or approval (Items 3 and 7) and all other requirements are satisfied, you should be able to officiate with no problems.

Contact me any time if you'd like to discuss anything further, and please keep me posted.

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