

# Clergy Packet for Washington DC

## Officiant - Marriages

Marriage Bureau DC- The Marriage Bureau issues marriage licenses and certified copies, and authorizes religious and civil celebrants to perform weddings in the District of Columbia.

### **Moultrie Courthouse**

500 Indiana Avenue NW,  
Washington, DC 20001  
Rm 690

Hours of operation: M-F 8:30am – 5pm  
(202) 879-1212

Application for Authorization to Celebrate Marriages- Pursuant to the "Marriage Officiant Amendment Act of 2013" (DC Code § 46-406), the following persons or organizations are authorized or are candidates for authorization to perform marriages in the District of Columbia:

1. A judge or retired judge of any court of record
2. The Clerk of the Court of such deputy clerks of the Courts as may, in writing be designated by the Clerk and approved by the Chief Judge of the Court
3. **A minister, priest, rabbi, or authorized person of any religious denomination or society (\$35 fee & application required)**
4. For any religious society which does not by its own custom require the intervention of a minister for the celebration of marriages, a marriage may be solemnized in the manner prescribed and practiced in that religious society, with the license issued to, and returns to be made by, a person appointed by the religious society for that purpose (\$35 fee & application required)
5. A civil celebrant (\$35 fee & application required)
6. A temporary officiant (\$25 fee & application required)
7. Members of the Council
8. The Mayor of the District of Columbia or
9. The parties to the marriage (both parties to the marriage must apply in person with a valid government issued identification).

**Note:** May need to show proof of ordination and/or current standing when applying