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Comment:

Hello, I would like to Officiate a friends Wedding/ Marriage Ceremony. I am an Ordained Minister with the Church of the Latter-day Dude, and am interested in what steps I have to take.

My certificate of Ordination: <http://adamwithers.ca/quick/latterDayDude>

I can also provide a "Letter of Good standing" from the church, if/as required.

What are the following steps I have to take to become recognized?

Thank you

On Mon, Apr 18, 2016 at 3:40 PM, VSADMIN, HLTH VSA:EX <HLTH.VSAdmin@gov.bc.ca> wrote:

Good afternoon [REDACTED],

Thank you for your inquiry.

Unfortunately the Church of the Latter-day Dude is not a recognized church in BC, and its members are not able to perform ceremonies in BC, as we do not recognize online ordainments. To be able to perform ceremonies in BC, one must be a pastor/minister from a recognized church in BC, or a civil marriage commissioner appointed by the Vital Statistics Agency.

However, you can perform the ceremony as long as there is a BC marriage commissioner present. You will perform the entire ceremony, the marriage commissioner is there to ensure the legal statements of the ceremony are read, to ensure the licence is properly completed, and the marriage commissioner signs the licence. The couple will be responsible for the marriage commissioner's fees.

See <http://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/vital-statistics/marriages> for more information on getting married in BC.

Please let me know if I can be of further assistance.

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, April 18, 2016 5:15 PM
To: VSADMIN, HLTH VSA:EX
Subject: Re: Officiate a friends Wedding

Hello Peter.

Thank you for the response.

Could I get a list of the recognized churches in BC, if you have it handy?

Thank you

On Tue, Apr 19, 2016 at 3:39 PM, VSADMIN, HLTH VSA:EX <HLTH.VSAdmin@gov.bc.ca> wrote:

Hello [REDACTED]

We don't maintain a list, however all churches in BC are recognized churches.

Linda Greenman, Assistant Regional Manager

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