

**Vow Renewal Ceremony**  
**Religious**  
**Rev Joe Miles**

Optional - Conch shell blow here and at end of your ceremony

Optional - HAWAIIAN BLESSING

Ho`onani i ka Makua Mau  
Ke Keiki me ka `Uhane nô  
Ke Akua Mau ho`omaika`i pû  
Ko kêia ao ko kêlâ ao  
Amene

Praise God from whom all blessing flow  
Praise Him all creatures here below  
Praise him above all heavenly host  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost  
Amen

Today we meet by the sea as the two of you renew your vows and celebrate your love for one another.

Here where the earth meets this constant and unlimited force. And as are these waters may the love you share continue to be limitless, flowing and ever changing.

LEI EXCHANGE

Optional (must purchase from coordinator or provide lei)

For those of us who call Hawaii home, the flower lei is a symbol of love.

Here in the Islands a wedding often begins as it does today with the exchange of leis and a kiss. We do this for several reasons. One is that the lei is an unbroken circle, like the rings that soon will be blessed and exchanged, representing the eternal commitment of your hearts together.

Also, as each flower is brought into the circle, it loses none of its individual beauty, reminding us that in the unity of your love, you have lost none of your unique individuality. In fact, the loving care and nurturing security of your relationship helps you grow even more fully into that special person with whom your partner fell in love.

As you exchange these leis you now will begin to weave your own lei of life. And now, with loving Aloha please present your leis to one another. "*E honi aku*" (give her/him a kiss)

Dearly Beloved,

Let this be a day of gladness, thanksgiving, possibility, and good fortune for all of us, but especially for \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_, who are here to renew and celebrate their love before God.

Good relationships never stop growing. Like fine wine, they get better with age.

\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_, [date] marks the \_\_\_\_\_ anniversary of your marriage and through all the years of your journey together, you have now [come/returned] to Maui, to this beautiful setting, so that you could renew your vow and commitment of love for each other.

If it were possible to begin this ceremony by gathering together all the wishes of happiness for \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.

If we could gather those precious wishes of affection and our very fondest hopes and turn them into music, we would be listening now to a most inspiring anthem, where it would be composed of the most harmonious notes possible to produce.

Even though this is not possible, just speaking of it should assure \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ that our hearts are attuned to theirs in these moments so meaningful to all of us for “what greater thing is there for two human souls than to feel they are joined together to strengthen each other in all labor, to comfort each other in all sorrow and to share with each other in all gladness.”

Marriage has been described as the best and most important relationship that can exist between two human beings: the construction of their love and trust into a single growing energy of spiritual life.

Marriage should be a lifelong consecration to the ideal of loving kindness backed by the will to make it last.

Marriage is more than a contract. It is a commitment to take your joy deeper than happiness, deeper into the discovery of who you really are. It is a journey to a life of becoming.

Marriage is even deeper than commitment. It is a covenant...a covenant that says: I love you. I trust you. I will be here for you when you are hurting. And when I am hurting, I will not leave. . .

Marriage is intended to provide a sanctuary safe enough to risk loving, to risk fully living and risk sharing from the center of yourself.

Just as spring blossoms anew after a harsh winter, so must spouses renew their love for each other in their daily lives.

Today you renew your vows and your love as husband and wife.

This moment begins the new spring of your love for one another.

May it be renewed each day in your hearts.

## INVOCATION

O God, who gives us life, we bring the lives of \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ before you.

Bless their recommitment of themselves to one another.

Breathe into their continuing marriage the vitality that only your spirit gives.

Grant them the strength, the energy and the fortitude to nurture this relationship through whatever they face.

Protect them and guide them each day so that they can live before you, honoring you with this union.

Only you, O Lord, have given us life and love. Lead this happy couple in the path of love.

May their lives, joined together, reflect your presence in this world, in Jesus' name.  
Amen.

## VOWS

\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_, we are here today to remember and rejoice with you and to recount with one another that it is love that guides us on our path; and to celebrate as you continue this journey together.

It is in this spirit that you have come here today to exchange these vows.

\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_, have you come here freely and with the intention of a renewal of your marriage vows?

(Both answer "We have.")

Will you continue to love and honor each other as husband and wife every day as you have promised to do?

(Both answer "We do.")

Will you love, comfort and cherish, keeping each other forever more?

(Both answer "We will.")

\_\_\_\_\_ please repeat after me to \_\_\_\_\_:

I again take you to continue to be my wife... my partner in life,  
 I give you my unending love and devotion.  
 I promise to be true to you and to cherish you  
 And to share my thoughts, hopes and dreams with you.  
 I thank you for the time we've had together,  
 And it is with hope, faith and joy that I look forward to continuing our journey.  
 And with this renewal of vows, our love and commitment will grow even stronger.

\_\_\_\_\_ please repeat after me to \_\_\_\_\_:

I again take you to continue to be my husband... my partner in life,  
 I give you my unending love and devotion.  
 I promise to be true to you and to cherish you  
 And to share my thoughts, hopes and dreams with you.  
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## RINGS

May God once again bless these rings as a symbol of this affectionate recommitting of your lives.

The wedding ring is the outward and visible sign of an inward and spiritual bond, which unites two loyal hearts in endless love.

Your rings say that even in your uniqueness you have chosen to be bound together. Let these rings also be a sign that love has substance as well as soul, a past, a present and a future, and that, despite its occasional sorrows, love is a circle of happiness, wonder, and delight.

\_\_\_\_\_, repeat after me,

\_\_\_\_\_, with this ring, I continue to take you to be my trusted confidante and partner for life as God is my witness.

\_\_\_\_\_, repeat after me,

\_\_\_\_\_, with this ring I continue to take you to be my trusted confidante and partner for life as God is my witness.

May this shining hour be an open door through which \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ will go forth to continue to build that dearest of all relationships, a happy marriage.

May the years ahead deal gently with you; walking together may you continue to find far more in life than either would have found alone.

## PRONOUNCEMENT

\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_, you have come here today before us and before God to renew your vows as husband and wife.

You have shown your love and affection by joining hands, and have made renewal promises of faith and devotion, each to the other, and have sealed these promises by the giving and the receiving of the rings.

Therefore, it is my privilege to pronounce that you have reaffirmed your life's commitment to one another.

Go forth in love and friendship for the rest of the days of your lives.

\_\_\_\_\_, you may kiss your wife!