## Five Tips for a Beautiful Wedding Ceremony

## 1 Set the tone for your ceremony

Some people want it to be a happy ceremony or a joyful ceremony, and others want it to be a solemn occasion. What do you want? We will try to help you create ceremonies that are warm, personal and reverent.

2 Be inclusive and considerate of each other's beliefs

You will want to take into consideration the religious traditions of both bride and groom, and both of your families. If you are of different faiths, it is important to be inclusive and considerate of each of your beliefs. The ceremony can be built around universal beliefs and values.

3 Create a ceremony that reflects who you are

You want your marriage ceremony to exude how you feel and be relevant to your beliefs. What do you think about life and love? What is your spiritual perspective, your values? Everybody has a philosophy of life, but many people have never put it into words, or have not yet had the occasion to think clearly about what is truly important to them. When you get married, you want this most important moment in your life to reflect your core beliefs, your truest feelings.

4 Find a celebrant who is supportive of your beliefs

Certain churches and locations have many rules and restrictions; we have few. Some faiths will allow interfaith marriages only if both parties agree to bring up the children in their faith. We leave that up to the family itself. Some religions require permission to marry outside the faith or to have an

interfaith ceremony; others, including ours, believe that love is the most important part of a happy marriage.

Remember that a ceremony that builds on the values of your past and looks to the future will speak eloquently about your life together

When the atmosphere and words of your ceremony reflect the love you and your fiancé feel for each other, it will be a powerful launch into your new life together. To think that marriage is an arrival, a settling in to a

life of love, is to miss what marriage is about. Life itself is the continuing quest for becoming a more loving person; marriage is the choosing of a soul mate, a unique and trusting partner with whom we can best make that journey to greater love more happy, more successful and more beautiful. Marriage is the magnificent continuing passage into greater love; it is not the destination itself.

Sound overwhelming? It doesn't have to be. Contact Northeast Nuptials for a free consultation on planning the perfect ceremony for you. Northeast Nuptials, 603.396.7564, info@northeastnuptials.com, www.northeastnuptials.com