**Suggestions for Declaration of Intent and Vows**

**For the Declaration of Intent**

***OPTION A:***

*Name*, will you have *name* to be your *wife/husband*,

to live together in the covenant of marriage?

Will you love *her/him*, comfort *her/him*,

honor and keep *her/him*, in sickness and in health,

and, forsaking all others, be faithful to *her/him*

as long as you both shall live?

*Response:*I will

***OPTION B:***

*Name*, will you receive *name* as your *wife/husband*

and bind yourself to *her/him* in the covenant of marriage?

Will you promise

to love and honor *her/him* in true devotion,

to rejoice with *her/him* in times of gladness,

to grieve with *her/him* in times of sorrow,

and to be faithful to *her/him* as long as you both shall live?

*Response:*I will

***OPTION C:***

*Name*, living in the promise of God,

[joined to Christ in baptism,]

will you give yourself to *name* in love and faithfulness?

Will you share your life with *her/him*,

in joy and in sorrow, in health and in sickness,

for richer, for poorer, for better, for worse,

and will you be faithful to *her/him* as long as you both shall live?

*Response:*I will

**Note:** on all three options the "I will" can be changed to "I do"**Vows:**

***OPTION A:***

I take you, *name*, to be my *wife/husband* from this day forward,

to join with you and share all that is to come,

and I promise to be faithful to you until death parts us.

***OPTION B:***

In the presence of God and this community,

I, *name*, take you, *name*, to be my *wife/husband*;

to have and to hold from this day forward,

in joy and in sorrow, in plenty and in want, in sickness and in health,

to love and to cherish, as long as we both shall live.

This is my solemn vow.

***OPTION C:***

I, *name*, take you, *name*,

to be my *wife/husband;*

to have and to hold from this day forward,

for better for worse, for richer for poorer,

in sickness and health, to love and to cherish,

until we are parted by death.

This is my solemn vow.