

Green Bay Hmong Alliance Church
Wedding and Marriage Proposal Policy
Policy limited to marriage proposal between members of GBHAC

Marriage according to the Bible in Genesis 2:22-25 is a sacred and holy matrimony created by God specifically for and between a man and a woman. Furthermore, marriage is an God ordained institution made for all cultures and all times as it is not limited to a specific culture. The writer of Hebrews writes, “Marriage should be honored by all, and the marriage bed kept pure, for God will judge the adulterer and all the sexually immoral. (He. 13:4)” In other words, marriage between a man and woman is not based on the concept of walking down the aisle (American culture), but it is based on that culture which you believe to be yours. It is holy matrimony in the eyes of God as exemplified by Isaac and Rebecca (Gen. 24:67). Furthermore, marriage is to glorify God in a lifelong commitment to one another (Matt. 19:4-6).

- Yog muaj tub muaj nyaab muab ntxhais qua es tso rua Txwjlaug paab. Cov Txwjlaug yuav paab lawv le cov kevcai huv qaab nuav.
If you would like for the elders of the church to help in proceeding with your son or daughter’s wedding proposal; the elder’s will proceed with the following protocol:
- Tsuas paab tau rua cov ntseeg kws tso rua cov txwjlaug ua cov cev lug xwb
It is limited to those church members who give permission to the elders to represent them.
- Yuav tau nrug namtxiv tog tub thaam saib tug tub puas tau lug ntawm tug ntxhais
We must ask the groom’s parents to see if the bride-to-be has already given permission to him to proceed with the marriage proposal.
- Nug namtxiv tog ntxhais saib ob tug puas yuav cov Txwjlaug ua cov cev lug hab.
We must ask the bride-to-be’s parents to see if they are willing to have elders represent them for the marriage proposal too.
- Ua ntej yuav moog, kuas Xf. los yog ib tug Txwjlaug tuaj thov Vaajtswv rua thaus yuav coj tug tub moog yuav nyaab.
Prior to leaving for the marriage proposal, have pastor or an elder come to pray for the groom’s accompanying party
- Tej khoom kws yuav nqaa moog yog, nqaa ib co dlej qaabzib, mov dlej txas, taigdlav, nyaj rua nqe mig nqe no hab rooj noj haus.
Items to take with the groom’s party to the marriage proposal are as follows: any kind of sodas, any kind of cooked meat that is prepped and ready to use as a meal once the bride-to-be’s side has given permission and accepted the marriage proposal, dowry along with extra funds for the acceptance meal.
- Thuas moog ces tug tub hab tug Txwjlaug moog ua ntej xwb, namtxiv le caum qaab
Only the groom and elder are to go to the bride-to-be’s home first and his parents may follow afterwards.

- Thaus moog txug ces tug tub hab tug Txwjlaug ce ib poom dlej rua namtxiv noog saib tug Txwjlaug kws tuaj sawvkev namtxiv huv tsev yog leejtwg.
The first thing that the groom and Elder must do is to hand a drink to the bride-to-be's parents and ask who is the elder representing them.
- Tho ib poom dlej rau tug cev lug kuas thov namtxiv lub rooj tau siv has lug.
Open a drink and hand it to the person representing the bride-to-be's parents to ask them for a table to use for the marriage proposal.
- Peb coj namtxiv (Npe) tug tub (Npe) tuaj yuav namtxiv tug ntxhais (Npe). Thov kuas namtxiv noog tub noog txhais saib puas sib yeem tag.
We brought (parent's name) son (name) to come and ask for your daughter's (name) hand in marriage. Please ask them to see if they are willing to marry one another.
- Noog namtxiv saib puas muaj txivdlaab lossis pujnyaaj qhab.
Asked the bride-to-be's parents to see if they have any arranged engagement or marriage of their daughter to anyone including cousins.
- Noog saib namtxiv sau nqe mig nqe no hab kev noj haus le caag.
Ask about the dowry along with the cost of the reception.
- Noog saib yuav tso tug ntxhais nrug tug tub lug lossis yuav ca txug thaus noj tshoob taag tsaiv.
Ask to see if the bride-to-be will be allowed to leave with the groom or be kept back until after their wedding day.
- Teem noj tshoob rua thaus twg.
Set the wedding date.
- Muab qab lug txhoov noj kuas qha tas tau tshoob lawm.
Prepare a meal revealing that a wedding will commence since the marriage proposal has been accepted.
- Yog namtxiv muaj pob phijcuam los muab rua thaus kws noj tshoob taag hov rua qhov peb tsi muaj tsa qhua sawvkev lawm.
If the parents have any inheritance gifts or gifts to give to their daughter, they should do so after the wedding as we will not host an honorary guest dinner to see them off.