

## Sand Ceremony

"Today, Jane Smith, the Bride, and John Doe, the Groom, have chosen to commemorate their marriage through the celebration of the Sand Ceremony. This ceremony symbolizes the inseparable union of Jane and John into a new and eternal marital relationship. Jane and John will simultaneously pour separate containers of sand into a common vessel. Each grain of sand in their separate containers represents a unique and separate moment, decision, feeling or event that helped shaped Jane and John into the separate and unique individuals that they are today. As they pour their separate containers of sand into a common vessel, those separate and independent individuals will cease to exist. Instead they will merge into a loving and supportive marital community. Jane and John, just as the grains of sand can never be separated into their individual containers again, so will your marriage be. You may now pour your separate containers of sand into the common vessel."

## PRONOUNCEMENT

Inasmuch as you have consented together in this ceremony to live in wedlock and have demonstrated your intent in the presence of this company, it gives me great pleasure to pronounce that you are Husband and Wife.

Congratulations, you may kiss!