

A MARRIAGE

We are a community of persons who have chosen and come to live together.
We are here tonight because of who we are and what we are beginning to do.
We share many things -- let us affirm them together. Would the community
please repeat after us.

We affirm the sanctity of human life
and the legitimacy of all efforts
to preserve and enhance it;

We affirm our dedication
to enriching and fulfilling our lives
by reaching out to one another
in a spirit of love and peace;

We affirm our devotion to a common struggle
against those forces
which destroy or degrade life;

We affirm our coming-together
in this time and place
as a part of that struggle
and our common commitment to life;

We affirm the spirit of our community
in taking upon ourselves
the creation of those rituals
which deepen and enrich our lives.

Statement by Carrie:

Statement by Marc:

Do you, Carrie, accept the right and power of this community to declare you married?

Do you, Marc, accept the right and power of this community to declare you married?

Do we, as a true and whole community, accept the responsibility for this marriage?

Do you, Carrie, ask us to declare you the wife of Marc?

Do you, Marc, ask us to declare you the husband of Carrie?

Do we, as a community, wish to join Marc and Carrie in marriage?

In fulfilling its ideals of love, community, struggle, and joy, we
declare that Marc and Carrie are husband and wife.