



# Services of a **Humanist Celebrant**

**Dr. John A. Gedeon**

A **Humanist Celebrant** is the equivalent of clergy in a religion like a pastor, priest, minister, imam, rabbi, or pandit, but we do **not** consider ourselves a religion in the traditional, god-centered sense. Many secular people get married and have children, but who would cater for their ceremonies or advice on secular issues, in general? Our service is based on the [humanist philosophy](#) that we provide for our community and the like-minded. In the USA, I am legally authorized to perform marriages, but in Trinidad & Tobago, I can only conduct the ceremony.

I am certified by the American Humanist Association's *Humanist Society* (see certificate on the next page) to perform the following:

## **Ceremonial** – Life-cycle celebrations, commemorations, and ceremonies

1. Weddings (Same-sex and Opposite sex)
2. Baby Naming/Welcoming Ceremonies
3. Funerals
4. Rites of Passage (puberty)
5. Renewal of Marriage Vows
6. Divorce Ceremonies (parting on good terms – children security)
7. [Croning](#) (a celebration/ceremony to honor wise older women)
8. Invocations in Public Settings
9. Other related ceremonies in demand/requested

## **Pastoral** – Individual and special group care through counseling or education

1. Counseling individuals in relation to Humanist issues
2. Advice on personal development/life decisions
3. Advice/workshops on ethics
4. Advice/workshops on secular parenting
5. Other related areas

If you are in need of any of these services, please contact me via the email at top of the document and let me know what service you are looking for and the date it is needed. I am based in **Trinidad & Tobago**, but am willing to travel throughout the region as required.

While I have some standard frameworks and options for the ceremonies, it works best when you contribute your input to personalize the experience—it is *your day!* We can arrange to meet to get to know each other better and work out the details. Once I understand what you need, I can provide a fee for the service.

*John*

# THE HUMANIST SOCIETY

*Founded in 1939 to establish a Humanist ministry and, since 1991,  
to provide this service for the American Humanist Association*



BE IT KNOWN THAT

*John Gedeon*

is a member in good standing of the American Humanist Association  
and, having satisfied the requirements of

THE HUMANIST SOCIETY BOARD OF DIRECTORS

IS ENDORSED AS A

*Humanist Celebrant*

*and, having full rights and responsibilities of ordained clergy under the  
jurisdiction of the law within their state, is hereby authorized to attend to the pastoral  
and ceremonial needs of Humanists and all others seeking those services.*

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Kathy Diedrich'.

Kathy Diedrich, President  
Humanist Society

FIRST ENDORSED: December 9, 2021

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