

## **Exchange and blessing of rings** (or other symbol)

*Source of these words is unknown.*

May I have the rings, please? [*Hold in open hand.*]

A ring is a circle, sacred and absolute, reminding us of the roundness of the planets and the circle of their paths around the sun, of CD's, LP's and 45's, of hula hoops and beach balls, of the full moon, the human eye, and the period/ full stop that ends a sentence. Reminding us of the path we make when we leave and come back to where we started, and this round earth from which we are born and to which we shall return. The circle, and these rings, symbolise the unity in which your lives are now joined and to which, wherever you go, you shall always return.

*If a different symbol is exchanged, e.g. necklace charms or another item, include a relevant explanation.*

### **Option 1**

#### **Partner 2:**

**Partner 2**, please repeat after me as you place the ring on **Partner 1**'s finger:

\_\_\_\_\_, with this ring, / I thee wed. OR I marry you. /  
May you wear it, / as a sign, / of our love / and faithfulness.

#### **Partner 1:**

**Partner 1**, please repeat after me as you place the ring on **Partner 2**'s finger:

\_\_\_\_\_, with this ring,/ I thee wed. OR I marry you. / May you wear it, / as a sign/ of our love/ and faithfulness.

### **Option 2**

*Adapted from the Sacred Union Ceremony, Uniting Church in Australia*

**Partner 2**, please repeat after me as you place the ring on **Partner 1**'s finger:

Just as this circle is without end/ my love for you is limitless. / My commitment to you will never fail. / With this ring I take you to be my best friend, / lover, and partner for life. / Let it be a way for us to hold hands / even when we are apart.

**Partner 1**, please repeat after me as you place the ring on **Partner 2**'s finger:

Just as this circle is without end / my love for you is limitless. / My commitment to you will never fail. / With this ring I take you to be my best friend, / lover, and Partner for life. / Let it be a way for us to hold hands / even when we are apart.