




Dear Minister:

As you are likely aware, the ULCM has been engaged in active litigation against Clark County, Nevada since 2016, when county clerk Lynn Goya made a series of rules changes that effectively prohibited ULCM ministers from legally solemnizing marriages in the area.

While those rule changes have long since been rolled back and ULCM ministers have been able to operate in Clark County for some time with no issue, this legal effort was still (slowly) working its way through the system.

We are happy to announce today that Clark County has settled this case with the Church, and that this unfortunate chapter has finally come to an end. We were, and remain, disturbed by the actions-taken-against and statements-made-about ULCM ministers during the period of time at issue in this dispute, and know that many of our long-time ministers in the area share those concerns. To that end, we would like to share with you this message from Clerk Goya and the Clark County District attorney:



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Clark County District Attorney's Office Announces Resolution of Litigation with the Universal Life Church

The Clark County District Attorney's Office is pleased to announce that it has successfully collaborated with the Universal Life Church to resolve ongoing litigation between the Clark County Clerk's Office and the Universal Life Church.

Clark County is truly the Wedding Capital of the World. This is due, in no small part, to the efforts of our many wedding officiants in Clark County, including those Universal Life Church ministers who officiate so many of the marriages in Clark County. The resolution of this dispute reflects our community's sincere commitment to inclusivity.

Moving forward, Clark County is enthusiastic to work with Universal Life Church ministers and all wedding officiants, religious and nonreligious alike, to ensure that Clark County continues to be a community that welcomes people of all beliefs.

As noted, this case revolved around a series of rule changes that have not been in effect for quite some time. Newer ULCM ministers in the area may be aware that the procedure for registering as a legal officiant requires the completion of a few forms available here in addition to the completion of an online form published by Clark County. You can learn more about the current process for solemnizing a marriage in Clark County at this page or by contacting our support team at: help@ulc.org.





If in the future you do encounter any roadblocks or hear anything from a Clark County official that leads you to question your ability to legally solemnize a marriage in the area, please reach out to us as soon as possible so we can investigate and assist where necessary. You can do that by replying to this email or sending a message to help@ulc.org.

These battles are never fun, but we're committed to securing and defending your rights and the rights of your fellow ULC ministers across the country. We are currently in the midst of similar legal actions in parts of Tennessee and Pennsylvania, and if you are able and willing we would be very appreciative if you could contribute to the ULCM Legal Defense Fund to assist us in fighting the good fight on your behalf for years to come. Any amounts donated to this fund are used entirely to pay legal expenses incurred in actions regarding the legitimacy of your ordination.

Your Brothers and Sisters at the Universal Life Church Ministries



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