



The 'UNITY SAND CEREMONY' is a variation of the traditional unity candle service. It involves 3 'vessels', or wide mouth vases. If the wedding is on the beach, the actual beach sand works fine, and even adds a special significance – being *'soil from the very ground upon which you stood as you exchanged your sacred vows'*.

However, colored sands are also often used to help illustrate the concept.

Please note: vessels and sand (if applicable) are provided by the bride and groom.

Unity Ceremony:

_____ and _____ will now perform a *unity ceremony*, symbolizing the joining together of their lives and families...

_____ and _____, the grains of sand in these vessels represent your separate and individual lives, until today. The body of sand in each vessel represents all that you were, all that you are, and all you will be in this world.

The center, larger vessel represents the merging of your lives and families, from this day forward. As you pour the sand together, the individual containers will lose their relevance.

And, as the two bodies of sand can never again be separate,
so shall be your earthly lives.

_____, please say this to _____:

*"_____, I give to you of my life, to share the gift of wedlock,
and the adoration of my family."*

Now please pour ½ of your sand into the center vessel.

_____, please say this to _____:

*"_____, I lovingly offer the same to you in return,
and the pathways of our lives are now joined."*

And now, _____ and _____ – as a gesture of complete acceptance and trust in each other, and in each other's families, please pour the remaining sand together.