

# *RESPECTFUL REFERRALS FOR LGBTQ+ COUPLES: HONOURING MY BELIEFS AND YOUR SPECIAL DAY*

The Right to Freedom of Expression and Religious Freedom are fundamental principles that safeguard individual beliefs and values, recognizing the deeply personal nature of faith. As a devout individual, my religious convictions hold immense significance in my life, guiding my actions and shaping my worldview. I genuinely respect and appreciate the diversity of beliefs and identities that exist within our society, and I am committed to treating all clients with kindness, respect, and professionalism.

However, I must candidly acknowledge that my sincerely held religious beliefs are in conflict with providing services for same-sex weddings or related events. This inner conflict, while rooted in my faith, places me in an emotionally challenging position where I am unable to fully express my creativity and commitment to my craft. The essence of my services revolves around the profound concept of storytelling, transcending the mere provision of goods or services. It entails delving deep into the narratives and emotions of each unique couple, capturing their love story in a way that resonates with their essence and individuality.

This storytelling approach requires a level of creative and emotional investment that I am unable to provide when my faith conflicts with the subject matter. It is essential to me that every client receives the highest quality of service, and I believe that I can best honor this commitment by referring same-sex couples to talented professionals who can capture their moments authentically and without reservation. In doing so, I hope to bridge the gap between my religious convictions and the diverse needs of our community while preserving the integrity of my work as a storyteller.