

## Sand Ceremony:

Today, Laura and Keith, have chosen to commemorate their marriage through the celebration of the Unity Sand Ceremony which is a ritual designed to symbolize the joining together of two lives and the ongoing existence of each person's individuality.

They will concurrently pour the sand into the larger vase, which represents the new family they create here today. During this, Sarah Miner, Laura's cousin and Maid of Honor will sing 'A thousand Years' accompanied by Aprylle and Reed.

*As Sarah is singing Laura and Keith walk over to table with the sand, pour the sand into the vase, then walk back and stand near Kim while Sarah finishes the song.*

*(when Sarah is done with the song...)*

Thank you Sarah. Now, if you look at the vase, you will notice that each color still maintains its own identity. This is how it should be in your marriage. When you look at this vase and see the many configurations you can see the merging of the two colors. However, each grain of sand maintains its own space; never losing itself, but blending together to support the structure of the combination.