



## Reflections on an Interfaith Wedding with Peter Lloyd

“One of the many great blessings of my life is that, having been born and brought up in two highly diverse multicultural societies (Malaysia and Hong Kong), I was exposed and introduced to a wide range of spiritual and religious traditions from a very early age. Also, as both Laurence and I have participated in, organized and conducted a variety of group events, spiritual group work, ritual and ceremony over the years, it made sense for us to celebrate our marriage

with something all-embracing and highly personalized. We had a pretty clear idea of what we wanted for our wedding, and a clear intention for the purpose and meaning of the ritual and what we wanted to provide for ourselves and our guests—the energies we wanted to invoke and evoke before, during and after the ceremony; the readings, poems, music and elements we specifically wanted to include; the tenor and flavour of the service. But how we were going to achieve those visions and intentions in Hong Kong, we did not know...

We were therefore most delighted when we discovered that our friend Peter Lloyd would have completed his training as an Interfaith Minister and would have been fully ordained by the date of our wedding.

The Interfaith structure provided us with the perfect model into which we could weave all the elements that we wanted for our ceremony, as well as suggesting other elements that we were able to take and make our own. To be able to write our own script, craft our own vows and choose our own readings and rituals, as best suited us as individuals and as a couple, was an enormous gift. The Interfaith Spiritual Blessing service allowed us the freedom we needed to be, do and share what was most true for us.

Peter’s support and guidance throughout the run up to the wedding was invaluable to us. Peter’s ministering during the spiritual blessing ceremony was performed with heart, panache and professional depth, enabling us to truly receive the spiritual blessing he was offering, as well as enabling us to share the love, joy and gratitude with our family and close friends in attendance. It was a truly magical, memorable and momentous occasion.

For anyone who wants a blessing ceremony to mark any of those major rites of passage in our lives as human beings, with the freedom and flow to encompass far more than just the traditional or conventional, with an individual flavour and stamp, I highly recommend the Interfaith structure, and I highly recommend Peter to hold the energies and support you in whatever it is you wish to evoke.”

*Carey Vail (aka Mrs Lucas)*

“Like the good husband that I am, I can only add to what Carey has already said by stating that it is not insignificant to say that Peter looks the part in his pastoral Interfaith attire—his height and his manner and he sounds the part too.

I think Peter was born to this role; it sits right in him and he comes from his heart... for sure I recommend you get married with Peter as your minister.”

*Laurence James Lucas*