ENGAGEMENT AND WEDDING GUIDELINES

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Ani asüng agiba mapang kiyimer aser kinungertem dang tekümdangtsü aser teinyaktsütem item dak ajemdaker tenzükertemi metetdaktsütsü. (Kiyimer nem copy ka agütsütsü)

- 1. Arogo ajanga kibong akümtsüpur ajak ani asüng (engagement) Arogoi agütsütsü. Ibaji expenditure kecha makai Arogo Office nung dang tsürapur anatsülen dena akatsü.
- 2. Ani asüng aser Kiyimba khulizüng agitsü atema tetsürla mesüra tebursang tena rongnung kabosa Kohima Ao Baptist Arogo nung züngsem alitsüla. Arogo nung shiba züngsem mali, pa/la aliba arogo nungi khuli shiti tabensa aka nungdang sadi khulizüng agütsütsü.
- 3. Aotsür, Aor kiba lenbuba nung kin kidong talitsüyim, tashishitsü mali ta Village Council Chairman nungi shiti (recommendation) abentsüla.
- 4. Engagement agir külen anogo roker (60 days) abensar külenang kiyimba khulizüng agitsü melatsü.
- 5. Engagement agir koda masü Temeshi kiyimba khulizüng magitettsüsa kümra Arogo nem metetdaktsütsüla. Shiba (tetsürla/ tebursang) tai ajanga iba tenangzüktepba raksadir, pa/la ita trok (6 months) atar külenang tanaben engagement agitsü melatsü.
- 6. Tenla Ki dak alaka tanga tesem nung Temeshi Kiyimba Khulizüng agitsü memelar.
- 7. Kiyimba benjung mapang temesepba chiyungtsü amshitsü memelar. Aser telok chiyungba dak alaka kidang aser tanga nung party akaba memelar.
- 8. Temeshi Kiyimba benjung nung meyipa agütsüba senpet (return/ thank you gift) mamshitsü arogoi ajungshir.
- 9. Temeshi Kiyimba sentong nung shinoki temeja ken atener. Parnok dang Gospel ken dang atentsü metetdaktsür.

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Given below are some guidelines to be followed during engagement, holy matrimonial service and reception feast. These guidelines are to be clearly communicated to the concerned and their families before the initiation of engagement/marriage. (A copy of the same shall be given to the concerned)

- 1. The engagement ceremony will be conducted by the church at Kohima Ao Baptist Arogo (KABA) office in the presence of parents/families of both the concerned. The engagement ceremony should be conducted without financial expenditure by the concerned.
- 2. There shall be a minimum of 60 days between engagement and wedding.
- 3. The church should be informed, in written, if holy matrimony (wedding/marriage) fails to materialize after engagement. The concerned individual responsible for the breaking of engagement or both the concerned, as the case may be, will have to wait for at least 6 months for another engagement through the church.
- 4. Either one of the concerned should be a member of KABA. The one who is not a member of KABA should produce a letter of approval for marriage from his/her church.
- 5. A letter of approval from the village councils, approving the engagement/marriage between the clans of both the concerned as per Ao custom, must be produced by both the concerned. This is applicable only if both the concerned belong to Ao community.
- 6. Use of intoxicants and abusive substance during the wedding feast is not allowed. Additional parties or feast, other than the wedding reception feast, is also not allowed
- 7. Holy matrimonial service will be conducted only in the church building.
- 8. The practice of presenting return gift for the wedding invitees is discouraged.
- 9. Only gospel songs will be sung during the Holy matrimonial service.

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