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United in Civil Union



Corey Marshall-Steele and Douglas Marshall-Steele of Milton were united in a civil union on Saturday morning, January 7, 2012, at All Saints' Episcopal Church, Rehoboth Beach. Because they had already exchanged vows in a larger religious ceremony in 1995, the event on Saturday was private and limited to four guests. The couple has been together 17 years.

Celebrants were The Rev. Max Wolf, rector of All Saints', and Deacon Susan Phillips, also of All Saints' parish. The service was an adaptation of the marriage rite from the Book of Common Prayer, the prayer book used by the Episcopal Church.

As of this month, same-gender couples in Delaware are able to enter into civil unions, which provide the same rights, responsibilities and benefits as state-recognized marriage, though not those of federally recognized marriage.

Left to right: Douglas Marshall-Steele,
Fr. Max Wolf, Corey Marshall-Steele /
Randy Roberts