



Dedicating a Building

A special dedication ceremony serves to set or reset the intention of a structure to a specific purpose. Blessing and dedicating a building clears away any negative or unwanted energies, protects the building, grounds and occupants, and consecrates it for use in sacred practices.

The dedication is generally done prior to occupancy or after renovation or restoration. A dedication ceremony may be used for a chapel, home, apartment, office, community building or any building or room used in service of body, soul and planet.

The Ceremony

- **Introduction** - *Overview of the purpose of the structure*
- **History** - *Brief history of the structure*
- **Invocation** - *Prayer, poem, reading, blessing*
- **Music** - *Bells, gongs, chants, songs, music*
- **Dedication** - *Blessing each room using appropriate customs and rituals using dedicatory wording*
- **Rituals** - *Candle lighting, incense, smudging, herbal oil lamp or spray, anointing doors and windows, dedication plaque, tree planting, new broom*
- **Benediction** - *Prayer, poem, reading, blessing*

Sample Dedicatory Wording

By the power and authority of ____ (*Spirit, Source, God, the state, etc.*) I dedicate this building/room (*name the building or room*) for the purposes for which we consecrate it today (*name and/or describe the purposes of the structure.*) I bless this building/room that every activity within these walls will be in accordance with the purposes of its dedication today (*name and/or describe the activities to be performed within the building/room.*) (*Include any other customs, rituals or wording desired.*) I dedicate this building/room in the name of (*Spirit, Source, God, holy angels, etc.*) Amen (So be it/and it is so.)