

## **ST. CLEMENT'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH**

### **Memorial Garden Regulations**

RESOLUTION: Adopted by the Vestry of St. Clement's Episcopal Church with reference to the following:

#### **RECITALS**

- a) The Rector and Vestry of St. Clement's Episcopal Church wish to make available to communicants of St. Clement's Episcopal Church a dignified place of interring ashes of the cremated and their families.
- b) There is no intent to create or designate a cemetery or a burial ground for human remains other than ashes.
- c) A statement of policies and conditions concerning and regulating the interment of ashes is necessary.

#### **POLICIES AND CONDITIONS**

- 1) Cremated ashes of communicants of St. Clement's Episcopal Church in Clemmons, North Carolina may, after request approved by the Rector and Vestry, be interred in the St. Clement's Memorial Garden include: members or former members of St. Clement's, their spouses, parents, siblings, children and grandchildren (natural, adopted, foster or step). Cremated ashes of others may also be buried with such approval, provided that it is in the policy not to make burial available to the general public.
- 2) The designated area of the Memorial Garden is within the property of St. Clement's Episcopal Church, 3600 Harper Road, Clemmons, North Carolina. The general area of interment will be identified in the landscaped Memorial Garden behind the Church.
- 3) At each burial, the appropriate services from the Book of Common Prayer shall be read by the Rector or a person designated by the Rector. Burial and commitment shall be 1) immediately preceded by a funeral service in the church with burial the conclusion of the rights; or 2) a burial that occurs after a memorial service; 3) a burial that occurs shortly after cremation with a memorial service to be held later; 4) a re-interment with such as approved by the Rector.
- 4) Ashes must be in a bio-degradable container of a type approved by the Rector.

- 5) Although, no particular spot or space can be reserved, the Vestry will do its best to accommodate a specific request for a particular site at time of interment (e.g. husband-wife, etc.) depending on availability of land.
- 6) The Rector / Deacon in charge shall cause a record to be maintained of all interments. Said record shall contain the name, dates, and place of birth and death of the deceased.
- 7) Each burial site shall be identified by a polished granite headstone, size 10" x 5", placed directly over the exact place of interment. It shall be laid flush to the ground to facilitate mowing. Each headstone shall be marked with the name of the deceased, the year of birth and the year of death cut into its face.
- 8) The cost of burial shall include the burial site, headstone, and bio-degradable box. It shall be paid by the family or representative of the deceased at a rate to be determined from time to time by the Vestry. The Vestry may waive payment of the fees upon recommendation of the Rector. The fee structure is not intended to provide additional revenue to the Church beyond provision of adequate financing of the burial of ashes and maintenance of the grounds.
- 9) No planting besides turf will be permitted around the grave plots. No artificial flowers shall be placed at any time in the Memorial Garden. Small containers of live cut flowers will be permitted provided that they are removed after they die. No responsibility is accepted for any container left at the grave site. The Vestry suggests donations for the maintenance and planting of the memorial grounds as a thoughtful substitute for cut flowers. No additional plantings in the garden bed area will be permitted without the approval of the Memorial Garden Committee. Such planting will be at the additional expense of the party doing so.
- 10) Ashes buried in the Memorial Garden may not be removed.
- 11) For the purpose of control, there shall be a burial covenant prepared and executed by the involved parties of each burial, setting forth the rights of all parties. A copy of this Memorial Garden Agreement is attached hereto and is to be made a part of these resolutions.
- 12) Any exception to the policies herein shall be submitted to the Vestry or the Rector for their approval.
- 13) Revisions of these policies may be made by the Vestry and shall be reviewed by them periodically as to cost and policies as changing conditions require.