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FUNERAL POLICY
JONES MEMORIAL “THE HIGHER WAY CHURCH”

1. When a death occurs in the church family (a member of the congregation), the pastor should be notified immediately.
2. A Christian funeral is a worship service; it is strongly recommended that the funeral service be held in the church.
3. The pastor will assist the family in making funeral arrangements including the order of service. Arrangements are not final until they are approved by the pastor. Any deviations from the approved arrangements of order of service must be approved by the pastor.
4. The pastor will meet with the family to assist them and answer any questions the family may have. Mask are encouraged. Everyone must sanitize their hands when entering the church.
5. The Pastor must approve of any clergy who will participate in the service prior to them being invited.
6. When the physical remains are present, there may be viewing prior to the service and during the processional. There will be no reviewing post service. Viewing of the body may be arranged prior to the funeral service.
7. There will be a **maximum of four (this does not include a representative for the family)** speakers for eulogistic remarks with a three-minute limit. Any fraternal or Sorority rites/presentations must be done prior to the service or after the service of committal. All resolutions, proclamations or any such must be given to church and they will be recognized but not read.
8. The funeral service is regarded as an appropriate function of the body of Christ, therefore, no fees of any kind are charged for the use of the church's facilities or its personnel for funerals of church members. There may be a cost for all other services as determined by the church.
9. The church will provide at no cost to the family a meal for up to 100 people when the deceased is a member of the church. In all other situations, the family meal will be the responsibility of the family. The church will provide a courtesy meal for a member of our congregation who loses a first degree relative defined as the mother/father of the member, the mother/father of the member's spouse, the child of the member or the child of the member's spouse. The meal will be delivered to the church member's home.
10. The church will provide a memorial plant and or flower arrangement for a deceased member.
11. If you choose to have the service viewed via Livestream, please share this link with others:
<https://thehigherwaychurch.org/live/>