



By-Laws, Rules and Regulations for the Cemetery

The following by-laws were drawn up by the Trustee Ministry Team and approved by the Church Board.

DEFINITION OF MEMBER

As pertains to matters of the Salford Mennonite Cemetery.

Member includes:

1. Any person who has been received into membership of Salford Mennonite Church
2. A minor child who has at least one parent who is a member of Salford Mennonite Church.
3. Senior citizens who have moved away and transferred their membership elsewhere. Those who move away should request their burial plot before moving if burial in the Salford Mennonite Church cemetery is desired.
4. Members of the Spring Mount Congregation have the same rights for burial as Salford members as per the agreement between the two congregations dated November 8, 1976.

Nonmembers who may be buried at Salford:

1. A spouse of a member of Salford Mennonite Church.
2. Adult children of a member of Salford Mennonite Church.
3. The Salford Cemetery is not open to the general public. Only persons with an immediate family member buried here or other personal ties shall be granted permission for burial in the Salford Cemetery. Exceptions may be made for persons with financial need or other cause, upon recommendation of the Chair of Trustees and the Church Administrator.

FEES

Fees for members:

Each member of Salford Mennonite Church may reserve one burial plot for \$750 per plot. Up to three burial plots may be assigned together to members of the same family upon request.

Fees for non-members:

Persons not meeting membership criteria may reserve a burial plots for the fee of \$2,000 per plot.

These fees cover the perpetual care of the cemetery. These charges do not represent the sale of any land; they are to be used for the upkeep of the cemetery.

POLICIES

1. The cemetery shall be referred to as the Salford Mennonite Church Cemetery.
2. The cemetery shall be under the supervision of the Trustee Ministry Team of the Salford Mennonite Church, who shall, if necessary, purchase additional land for cemetery purposes, fix the cost of the permit to bury, and see that all of the rules and regulations for the orderly operation of the cemetery be enforced.
3. The Trustees may, at their discretion, employ one or more persons to properly take care of the cemetery, issue permits for burial, and give the location where to bury. The name of each one

buried in the cemetery shall be placed on a firm foundation and must be approved by the Trustees. No plants, trees or shrubbery are permitted on any grave.

4. Size of burial lots shall be 4' x 11'. A permanent grave marker must be placed on the grave within two years from date of burial.
5. If tombstone is not installed within two year, the Trustees will have the right to install an appropriate marker so as to keep the cemetery up to date.
6. Funeral directors shall make application for a permit for burial, allowing three days for locating a lot and having it prepared. If the one to be buried is not a member of Salford Mennonite Church, and prior payment has not been made, the funeral director shall be responsible to pay the \$2,000 for the permit to bury. The Burial Certificate shall be sent to the Salford Mennonite Church, 480 Groff's Mill Road, Harleysville, PA 19438. After the burial, the funeral director shall place a temporary marker on the grave.
7. The Treasurer of Salford Mennonite Church shall receive all donations and fees collected for the cemetery and shall keep a separate and detailed account marked "cemetery."
8. All ground in the cemetery shall be kept level after the ground has settled and excess ground must be removed within a reasonable time. Grass seed will be sown on the lot.
9. Tombstones shall be straightened each spring.
10. Plot plan shall be kept up to date.
11. Tombstones must be installed on an approved foundation, 30 inches deep by correct width and length.
12. In the event that any condition may arise that is not covered in these rules and regulations, the Trustees are authorized to make the final decision.
13. By-laws shall be reviewed and revised, as appropriate every five years.

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