

# **Bethel Business Committee**

## **Policy and Procedure 032**

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### **Funerals and Funeral Receptions Held at Bethel Bible Chapel**

#### **References:**

1. Minute 10 of the April 15, 2019 Business Committee Minutes.
2. Minute E11 of the May 13, 2019 Joint meeting between the Elders and Business Committee 3.  
Policy/Procedure 014: Facilities Use Policy

#### **General:**

Funerals are integral functions of the Christian Church and are a ministry of Bethel Bible Chapel:

- They provide support for families in time of bereavement,
- They have been shown to be effective community outreach opportunities,
- Gospel presentations during funerals at Bethel and other churches have resulted in people being saved.
- Bethel may absorb the facilities costs associated with funerals and funeral receptions as they meet the Canada Revenue Agency's requirement for social functions being "incidental to the charity's purpose" and would never exceed the CRA's limit of 10% of the chapel's resources (funds, personnel, and property).
- Bethel would prefer food for receptions be provided by commercial establishments (with exceptions being made for baked goods, fruits & vegetables).

#### **Policies:**

1. Bethel Bible Chapel will absorb the facilities costs associated with funerals and funeral receptions held in Bethel Bible Chapel. This will include food and beverages for receptions, custodial services and secretarial services.
2. Food for receptions is to be provided by commercial establishments (with exceptions being made for baked goods, fruits and vegetables).
3. All other facets of funeral services are to be coordinated through regular funeral homes.