

SECTION 5.00

Use of Church Facilities and Equipment

Subsection 5.04

Cemetery Policy

Proper clearance should be obtained from the Sexton prior to any cement work being done at the cemetery.

Maintenance Committee will dispose of dead flower arrangements one month after Memorial Day if they have not been previously removed.

If manual digging is needed, the Pastor will coordinate with the Sexton and the family as required to make proper arrangements.

The Menno Cemetery is set aside for burial for present and past Menno members and their immediate families.

Effective September 15, 1996, all caskets will be placed in a minimum outside burial container in the ground. An outside burial container is described as a concrete liner not necessarily being water or air tight. A vault is described as an outside burial concrete container lined with a material to prevent elements (water and air) from entering the (sealed) container. Vaults can be used if so desired. There must be a minimum of 18" of dirt from ground surface to the top of the outside burial container.

Urns placed in the cemetery shall be constructed of a material not easily decayed with a maximum of two urns per headstone.

All headstones shall be constructed of stone, bronze or concrete, with at least the name of the person or persons and date of birth and death. Minimum size of the headstone should be 16"x8". Headstones shall not be any wider than the plot width. Wooden headstones shall be for temporary purposes only and should be replaced by a permanent stone or concrete headstone within six months after burial. A headstone shall contain information for no more than two people.

Burial plots can be obtained in writing from the Sexton. The Sexton shall notify all applicants in writing that they have a plot and what the location would be.

It is the family's responsibility to maintain (cave-ins, tipped headstones, and decorative rock) grave sites. Anything different than what is described in this policy needs to be approved by the Menno Church Board.

Any memorial structures placed in the cemetery area must be approved by the Menno Church Board.