Rules and Regulations of Center United Methodist Church Cemetery

The Official Administrative Board of Center United Methodist Church of Welcome, North
Carolina has approved and adopted the following rules concerning the use of grave plots ir
the church cemetery: Date:

- 1. No grave is to be opened in the cemetery without securing the approval of the Chairperson of the Cemetery Committee, or, if he/she is not available, the approval of another member of the Center United Methodist Church Cemetery Committee.
- 2. Gravesites for the remains of non- member of Center United Methodist Church may only be purchased if a parent, spouse, or an immediate relative, who is a full member, is buried or will be buried in Center's church cemetery. No plot will be sold before a death in a family. Purchase must be made from the Chairperson of Cemetery Committee before a grave is opened. (See #5 for price)
- Spouses or eligible relatives who are not themselves members must purchase the plot beside their mate or relative as soon as possible following full member's interment if they desire that plot. This must be done before a "DOUBLE TOMBSTONE" is placed at the gravesite.
- 4. A former Pastor or a former member engaged in missionary work can have a plot free of charge.
- 5. The cost of a grave plot for a person who is not a full member of Center United Methodist Church shall be \$2,000.00. If a permanent grave marker is erected by the family of the non-member within one year from the date of burial, \$500.00 of the \$2,000.00 shall be refunded.
- 6. Non-members shall be buried in the back north side of the cemetery, near the oak trees.
- 7. Full members who are named on the church roll but do not attend or have not supported the Church financially within two years will be placed on the inactive list. Inactive full members will be required to pay the going rate for plots *unless* they were faithful members before becoming disabled or have maintained a tithe of at least \$250.00 a year. (See Item #5 for Rate)

Grave and Plot Specifications

A. All monuments should be upright and placed at head of grave in a manner not to hinder maintenance and mowing of graves. Monuments should have a concrete base with a minimum of 10 inches in depth and a minimum of 6 inches wider than the base of the monument on all sides flush with the ground.

- B. Foot markers are to have a border 4 to 6 inches and a minimum foundation of 4 inches.
- C. No permanent shrubs, trees or bushes shall be planted within the cemetery grounds without the full permission of the Cemetery Committee.
- D. No enclosure of any kind shall be allowed around any plot or series of plots.
- E. No permanent grave mounds shall be allowed, nor shall any plot be raised above the established grade line.
- F. Graves must be cleared of flowers within 14 days of the funeral service by the family of the deceased or the Church reserves the right to do so.
- G. The family is responsible to sow grass if so desired.
- H. Family members are requested to keep only two flowers on a grave at a time, and these should be replaced or removed as they become worn. In an effort to ensure the grounds are well-kept, any flowers and wreaths considered worn may be removed by the cemetery caretaker.
- I. The Church will not be responsible for any vandalism. Any damage to markers or plots must be corrected by the family.

In case of any unusual circumstance not adequately covered by the above rules listed, the Cemetery Committee has the full authority to consider the merits of the case and use its own judgment.

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