

# East Baltimore Church of Christ at Belair Road



## Bereavement Policy

Here is an updated version of an old policy:

**Active Members:** For the loss of an active member of the East Baltimore church of Christ. They shall receive the support of all the care groups and the entire East Baltimore congregation. They also shall have the right to use the church building and other resources provided by the church. The Re-pass will be provided by the church to up to 50 attendees, there will be a fee of \$150 for each additional 50 in attendance there will be no other cost unless covered in another clause in this policy.

**Non-Active members:** For the loss of a non-active member of the East Baltimore church of Christ (non-active refers to a member who has not assembled with the saints or been in contact with the leadership of the congregation within the past six months). They shall have the support of the minister and elders who shall direct the upcoming activities as wisdom dictates.

**Immediate Family:** For the loss of an immediate family member, (which consists of mother, father, stepmother, stepfather, spouse, son, daughter, stepchildren, adopted children, grandmother, grandfather, grandchildren, brother, sister, stepbrother, and stepsister) whether in the body or out of the body the bereaved member(s) shall receive the support of all the zone groups and the minister and elders upon request. However, the use of a funeral home is preferable to the use of the church building. Upon request the re-pass will be provided by the church to up to 50 attendees. The use of the building shall be at the minister and/or elders discretion.

**Other family members:** For the loss of distant family members (cousin, aunts, uncles, nephews, nieces, in-laws and such like) the bereaved member shall receive the support of the care group in which they are apart, moreover anyone can at any time give support on their own. In addition, the use of a funeral home is preferable to the use of the church building. Use of the building therefore shall be at the minister and/or elders discretion.

**Non-Members:** For the loss of non-members which may include visitors, friends, former members and others, they can be aided by the minister at the minister's discretion and the family's request. However, the use of a funeral home is preferable to the use of the church building. Use of the building therefore shall be at the minister and/or elders discretion.

*Note: The minister and/or elders have the right to make any adjustments necessary in this policy to assure that all things are done in decency and in order.*