

Kingdom Faith Worship Centre

Bereavement Policy

Adopted on:

1. Purpose

This policy outlines how Kingdom Faith Worship Centre (KFWC) supports its members and their families during times of bereavement. Our aim is to provide compassion, prayer, and practical help while ensuring fairness and clarity about the scope of the church's involvement.

2. Scope of Support

2.1 Immediate Family

For the death of a:

- Member of KFWC
- Spouse of a member
- Child of a member
- Parent of a member
- Parent-in-law of a member

The church will:

- Contribute up to **R500** towards funeral-related costs.
- Provide pastoral support and prayer during the period of bereavement.
- Offer the use of church facilities for the funeral or memorial service, subject to availability.

2.2 Bereavement account

- Every family represented at Kingdom Faith is requested to contribute **R50** per month towards the bereavement account.
- This contribution will be used towards the financial support, pastoral travel and all needs towards bereavement.
- Failure to contribute to the account could result in Kingdom Faith not being able to fulfil the above-stated financial contribution.

2.3 Extended Family

For extended family (such as siblings, cousins, uncles, aunts, or grandparents), KFWC will:

- Provide pastoral support and prayer.
- The church is not obligated to cover any financial costs.

2.4 Non-Members

For individuals who are not members and not related to a member:

- A formal request must be submitted to church leadership for use of building.
- The Board, in consultation with Pastors, will decide whether facilities may be used and what level of support may be offered.

3. Funeral and Memorial Services

- Services held at KFWC must be conducted in a way that reflects Christian values and the dignity of worship.
- The worship team, ushers, and hospitality team may be engaged to assist.
- The family will coordinate with church leadership to plan the service order and arrangements.

4. Pastoral and Ongoing Support

- Pastors and Elders will provide spiritual comfort, counseling, and prayer for bereaved families.
- Follow-up visits and continued support will be encouraged in the weeks after the funeral.
- Small groups or ministries are encouraged to extend care (meals, encouragement, prayer).

5. Financial Guidelines

- The bereavement contribution (R500) will be disbursed through the Finance Director after approval by the Chairperson.
- Records of all contributions will be maintained by the Finance Committee.
- Additional financial assistance, if requested, will be considered on a case-by-case basis by leadership but is not guaranteed.

6. Accountability

- The implementation of this policy will be overseen by the Pastors and Board.
- Decisions in exceptional cases must be recorded and reported to the Board for transparency.

Through this policy, Kingdom Faith Worship Centre seeks to embody Christ's compassion by standing with members and families in their time of loss.