

**CHRIST CHURCH GABRIOLA  
COUNCIL POLICY**

**SECTION:**           **Worship**

**SUBJECT:**           **Celebration of Life Service (Memorial/Funeral Service) – “Service”**

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**POLICY**

The Service

1. A Celebration of Life Service (Memorial or Funeral Service) held at Christ Church Gabriola, or led by the incumbent minister at another location, is a church-sponsored worship service.
2. As a church-sponsored event, the Service is based on Christian content. The leader is encouraged, however, to be sensitive to the broad spiritual spectrum from which families come.
3. The memorabilia items displayed in the sanctuary are respectful of the worship space.

Service Leadership

4. The incumbent minister is given first opportunity to lead a Service taking place at the church, or at another location if requested.
5. An alternate leader must be approved by the incumbent minister.

Fees

6. Funerals/memorials are an important part of Christ Church Gabriola's pastoral ministry but are not included in the incumbent minister's regular duties or salary. As such, an honorarium for the minister would be greatly appreciated (suggested amount \$150).
7. For a service held at Christ Church Gabriola, a donation to the church would be appreciated (suggested amount: \$100).
8. The family is responsible for arranging payment for an alternate leader.
9. If a musician is required, the family is responsible for provision and payment. Use of the organ and/or sound system requires pre-approval by the incumbent minister and the use of one of CCG's trained sound technicians (sound technician fee \$50)
10. For a Service held at another location, the family is responsible for all facility costs incurred.

Miscellaneous

11. The family is responsible for arranging their own reception following the Service.
12. Use of the church facility for a reception must be approved by the incumbent minister.