

## FUNERALS



*North Lonsdale*

UNITED CHURCH

*“I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die; and whoever lives by believing in me will never die.”*

*-Jesus (John 11:25–26)*

This brochure is intended to help you with some of the decisions you will need to make after someone you love has passed away. In this emotional time, when it can be difficult to cope with even the simplest things, we wish to provide information that will assist you in planning the funeral.

Our North Lonsdale church family wants to support you during your time of bereavement and we are glad to celebrate your loved one's life in our sanctuary and/or at the graveside. One of our ministers will work with you to make this service special for you and your family. If we can be of service to you in any way, please don't hesitate to ask. We will be praying for you throughout this process.

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***Arranging the Service***

As soon as you are able, please contact the church office to discuss possible dates and times. The officiating minister will meet with you and your family members to provide pastoral care and to plan the service (e.g., confirming the order, identifying eulogists, choosing hymns, and selecting an appropriate Scripture passage).

## ***Working with a Funeral Home***

If you have chosen a funeral home, the funeral director will assist with all the necessary legal requirements. Please let the church office know which funeral home you'll be working with as well as the name and contact information of the funeral director.

## ***Visual Tributes / Photo Slideshows***

If you would like to include a visual tribute as part of the service, please note that you will need to create or arrange for this and provide a finished version (with music embedded). We are not able to build slideshows from photo collections or digital picture files, as this is a task best suited to a family member. Please speak to Rev. Sam about format requirements.

## ***Funeral Tea Ministry***

Our Funeral Tea Ministry is made up of volunteers to help serve you at your time of grief and loss. These volunteers provide a two-hour reception following the funeral service. At the reception, tea, coffee, juice, and a selection of light refreshments will be served. When you are able, please provide approximate numbers to the office, as this greatly helps with planning and preparation.

## ***Funeral Costs***

We will send you an invoice following the service for all applicable fees, which are calculated at-cost according to the schedule on the reverse of this brochure. Payment can be made via cheque or e-transfer. If you are experiencing financial hardship and the fees present a barrier, please speak to the minister.

*Funeral Service Fees*

Required Fees

Honorarium for the minister	\$254.00
Honorarium for the pianist	\$250.00
Honorarium for a vocalist	\$125.00
Honorarium for A/V technician	\$100.00
Honorarium for sound technician	\$125.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$854.00</b>

Optional Fees

Reception at NLUC (based on 60–80 people)	\$400.00
Graveside service, if held on the same day or at a later date following a funeral service	Minister’s mileage, at a rate of \$0.55/km
Graveside service, if requested as a standalone service where no funeral is held	\$254.00 (honorarium for the minister) + mileage (\$0.55/km)



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Sunday Services: 10:00 AM (in-person & online) | All are welcome!  
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