

FUNERAL POLICY November 18, 2022

WHEREAS, Article I, Section II and Article III, Section II of the Church Constitution provide that the Board of Bishops, as the governing body of the Progressive Church of Our Lord Jesus Christ, Inc., may enact laws, by-laws, rules, and regulations to govern the church in spiritual and secular matters; and

WHEREAS, the Progressive Church of Our Lord Jesus Christ, Inc. understands the pain and grief associated with the loss of a loved one and desires to offer the most sincere condolences, prayers, and support to family members during this time of bereavement; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Bishops does hereby declare that the following shall be the policy of the Progressive Church of Our Lord Jesus Christ, Inc. regarding funerals for the saved, who are members in good standing with God and this church, and for inactive and non-members of this church;

- 1. The Progressive Church of Our Lord Jesus Christ, Inc. shall allow the use of its facilities for the purpose of funeral services for the saved who are members in good standing with God and this church.
- 2. The Progressive Church of Our Lord Jesus Christ, Inc., at the prayerful discretion of the local pastor, may allow funeral services for inactive and non-members of this church to be held in its facilities.
- 3. If a local pastor exercises his discretion to allow funeral services for inactive and non-members of this church to be held in its facilities, the local church pastor will assist the bereaved family in the planning and final arrangements of the funeral service.
- 4. All aspects of funeral services, including program outlines and participants, selection of music, musicians, and use of church fellowship facilities, must be approved by the local pastor.
- 5. Burial of the saved and unsaved in cemetery facilities of this church will be at the local pastor's discretion.
- 6. General safety protocols should be in place for conducting funeral and burials and the local church must have cemetery liability insurance coverage.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution is adopted on November 18, 2022 and shall become effective immediately. A copy of this resolution, affixed with the seal of the church shall be filed in the archives of the national church.

Board of Bishops

Bishop Theodore Jenkins, Presiding Bishop

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Bishop David S. Johnson, Sr.

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Ronald T. Scott, National Secretary

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