

Application Procedure

Application forms are available in the church office for columbarium inurnments and for honorarium memorial plaques. A copy of the Policies and Regulations will be given to each applicant to read before making final decisions. A check payable in full to New Covenant United Methodist Church shall accompany each signed application. Receipts from all fees will be put in a special fund to be administered by the Columbarium Committee.

A copy of the original signed application/contract will be kept in a permanent file in the church office. A copy of the application/contract will be given to the applicant.

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We are a large, dynamic, multicultural, intergenerational congregation growing in our relationship with one another and with Jesus Christ to be His hands, feet, and voice in the world.

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Serenity Garden

COLUMBARIUM



*“In my Father’s house are many rooms;
if it were not so, I would have told you.
I am going there to prepare a place for you.
And if I go and prepare a place for you,
I will come back and take you to be with
me that you also may be where I am.”*

—John 14:2–3

Serenity Garden Columbarium

In September 2010, a Columbarium Committee was formed for the purpose of researching the possibility of constructing a Columbarium/Serenity Garden as a place for inurnment of cremated remains of New Covenant members and their families.

From birth through Baptism, and on to marriage — through the journey of life and into passing — New Covenant is able to offer a place of worship, fellowship, and comfort within our church property. The Serenity Garden shall be a place of rest, prayer, memorialization, and meditation.

The Columbarium Committee is a part of New Covenant which operates under the direction of the Board of Trustees. The committee shall consist of seven members; one member each from Trustees, Finance, and Planned Giving, and four lay members of the church. The Senior Pastor and Executive Pastor shall be ex-officio members. Other ex-officio members may be appointed as deemed necessary by the Trustees.

Administration of Serenity Garden Columbarium

Any past or present member of New Covenant United Methodist Church in The Villages, Florida, or any member of a past or present member's immediate family shall be eligible for inurnment. "Immediate family" shall mean the mother, father, spouse, son, daughter, and their families (be they natural or adopted.) Also eligible for inurnment shall be any past or present clergy member who has served on the staff of the church and their families. Subject to the approval of the Columbarium Committee other individuals may be eligible for inurnment.

Before an inurnment is permitted, a niche user or legal representative must have executed an agreement concerning Inurnment Rights and paid all fees imposed by New Covenant. Upon payment of the required fees, a copy of Right of Purchase and Inurnment Agreement shall be issued to the purchaser of the Inurnment Rights evidencing such ownership. In the event of a question regarding the ownership of Inurnment Rights to a particular niche, the records kept by the Columbarium Committee shall be the official records of ownership.

Locations of occupied and reserved niches will be recorded in the Columbarium Niche Register and kept in the church office. The person who pays the application inurnment fee may select the niche. Niche reservations may not be transferred by the person to whom it is assigned, or by his/her legal representative, to another; only the Columbarium Committee may authorize transfers.

The cremated remains of one person will be inurned in a container as received from the crematorium or in a container furnished by the family. The cremated remains of no more than two persons may be in one niche. The inside of the niche measures 12" wide by 12" high by 12" deep.

The Columbarium is constructed entirely of solid granite; interior and exterior and will have a polished granite faceplate which will be incised with the name, date of birth, and date of death. All inscriptions on the niche faceplate shall be of uniform style, text, and size.