



Canon H-4: GRAVEYARDS

management of graveyards:

1. a) All graveyards belonging to the Church shall be managed by the incumbent and churchwardens of the parish to which they belong.
 - b) No one shall have the right to make selections of a lot, to prepare a grave, or in any way to make use of or interfere with the graveyard without the approval and authority of the incumbent and churchwardens.
 - c) No one shall have the right to officiate at a funeral within a parish without the consent of the incumbent.

duties of vestries:

2. The vestry of every parish shall:
 - (a) have every graveyard belonging to the church within its jurisdiction surveyed or divided into lots and graves; and
 - (b) have prepared a plan showing the location and size of the lots and graves; and
 - (c) sell or assign the lots and graves at a price determined by them; and
 - (d) make regulations for the management of the property.

duties of incumbent and churchwardens:

3. The incumbent and churchwardens shall:
 - (a) keep the property in good order, and

protect it by proper fencing and care from invasion, injury, and desecration; and

(b) collect all money due on account of lots sold and disburse it for the maintenance of fences and grounds.

perpetual care funds:

4. a) Every parish owning a graveyard, including memorial or scattering gardens, shall set up a Care and Maintenance Fund for the maintenance of the graveyard as required by the Ontario Cemeteries Act (Revised) and the Funeral, Burial and Cremations Service Act.

role of Regional Dean:

b) The Regional Dean in each deanery shall have supervision of such graveyards and report and advise on necessary expenditures for maintenance. (Amended 1956, 1959).

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