

## **Canon H-3: 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 the parish without the consent of the incumbent.

### *Duties of Vestries:*

2. The vestry of every parish shall:
  - a) have every graveyard belonging to the parish/congregation 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 Fund:*

4. a) Every parish owning a graveyard, including memorial or scattering gardens, shall set up a Care and Maintenance Fund for maintenance of the graveyard as required by the Funeral, Burial and Cremation Services 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.