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Dear Church Member:

Burial, interment, inurnment and memorializing in consecrated ground adjacent to one's church has been a custom in Christianity since the Middle Ages. Increasing urbanization has made it difficult for many churches to acquire and maintain property to continue this tradition.

To afford members of The United Methodist Church of Boca Grande the opportunity to carry on this tradition, a Memorial Garden has been created. The location of this garden next to the church offers a dignified and beautiful setting for memorializing and accepting the remains of our loved ones.

The opportunity is now available for prearranging the inurnment and memorializing in the Memorial Garden. Information for making these arrangements is contained in the attached Memorial Garden Interment Agreement (an agreement or contract between the church and those requesting interment is required by the Funeral Board of the State of Florida).

All current church members, associate members, affiliate members, and their spouses may choose from several options for memorializing. You may choose inurnment in the columbarium or the scattering of ashes, each with engraved memorializing on the granite wall. Each niche of the columbarium can hold two urns, which are provided by the church. You may also request memorializing even though your remains are interred elsewhere.

Also attached to this letter is a **Request for a Memorial Garden Interment Agreement** that allows you to make a prearrangement for the interment option you choose. You may complete the form and send it to the church accompanied by the appropriate fee, as shown on the form. The church will complete the Agreement, as required by the State of Florida.

Preplanning for your final resting place can often provide comfort to your family and loved ones. You may wish to consider making a prearrangement now.

Sincerely,
Lighthouse United Methodist Church
Board of Trustees



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The Memorial Garden Interment Agreement

Purpose:

This document sets forth the Rules, Terms and Conditions, and Agreement for committing the ashes of the deceased to The Memorial Garden.

The Memorial Garden, hereinafter referred to as the "Garden" is dedicated to and reserved for use as a lasting memorial providing for the inurnment or scattering of cremated human remains of the members, associate members, and affiliate members of The United Methodist Church of Boca Grande and their spouses.

Interment Agreement and Fees:

This Interment Agreement, issued by the Church, shall be required for the use of the Garden. The fees are \$ 3,000 for the purchase of a niche and inurnment in the columbarium (two urns provided), \$ 600.00 for scattering of the ashes, or \$600.00 for memorializing when the remains are interred elsewhere.

The fee paid will guarantee inurnment or scattering of the ashes, as selected, memorializing the name, and recording the name in a church remembrance book. A niche in the columbarium may be reserved at any time by completing the Interment Agreement and paying the fee in effect at the time the reservation is made. In any event, the fees must be paid prior to the use of the Garden. The Church shall issue Agreements to members, associate members, affiliate members, spouses or to others granted written permission by the Church upon receipt of the appropriate fees.

If after paying the fees and receiving the Interment Agreement, the Grantee or spouse elects not to be interred or memorialized in the Garden and returns the Agreement, 50% of the payments made will be refunded to the Grantee or to his/her assigns.

Terms and Conditions:

Legal title to the Garden and all locations therein shall be and at all time remain in the church. The grantee, heirs, and assigns waive the right to access or remove the interred after the interment.

The Church shall issue an Interment Agreement to members, associate members, affiliate members, spouses or to others granted written permission by the Church upon receipt of appropriate fees. At the time of issuance, the recipient must designate the name(s) of the person(s) whose remains are to be inurned or scattered. During his/her lifetime the Grantee may change the name of the person(s) so designated provided the change meets the rules of eligibility, but such right may not be assigned, transferred or inherited except by his/her surviving spouse.

Upon the death of the Grantee, or his/her spouse if he/she is the later decedent, and upon exercise of the Agreement, the Agreement is deemed fulfilled. In the absence of factual knowledge of such death(s), the Church may make a determination after the passage of seven years of the date it may have cause to believe the death or deaths, or unexplained absence of communication with either the Grantee or spouse, and revoke the Agreement with the fees being forfeited to the Church. Such determination shall be binding on all parties.

The Church respects the sanctity of the site, but reserves the right to remodel, alter or reconfigure the plan or structures of the Garden to make improvements deemed necessary.

A single memorial wreath, floral display, or flag may be placed in the Garden at the time of inurnment or scattering, and only at that time, but will be removed one week following the memorial service. A memorial of death shall be indicated by an inscription on a plaque in the Garden and recorded in a remembrance book kept by the Church. No monuments or headstones are permitted in the Garden.

The Church shall bear the perpetual responsibility for the maintenance of the Garden, including the maintenance of the grounds, and upkeep and repair of all structures. However, the Church is not responsible for irreparable damage or losses caused by flood, other water damage, hurricanes, or vandalism.

The assent, by signature of the grantee to the Interment Agreement including the Terms and Conditions as set forth above and as they may be amended, comprises a binding contract on all parties.

E. Fees and Charges

Several options are available for interment, each with the opportunity for appropriate memorializing. Ashes may be scattered in the Garden or inurned in a columbarium niche. Those whose remains are interred elsewhere may also be memorialized.

Fees have been established to cover the expenses of memorialization and to assist in the perpetual maintenance of the Garden.

The fee schedule is as follows:

Scattering of ashes and memorializing	\$600
Memorializing only	\$600
Inurnment of ashes in columbarium niche	\$3,000

If inurnment is selected, the fee includes two urns provided by the church. The fees are separate from the costs of the funeral service, mortuary and related expenses. Fees must be paid prior to interment in the Garden.

No eligible person will be refused interment or memorializing because of an inability to pay the established financial charge. Payment terms may be offered or a reduced fee may be set at the discretion of the Memorial Garden Committee in consultation with the Pastor.

Pre-arrangement may be made for the interment options, with full payment (or agreed upon terms) being paid upon the signing of the Interment Agreement. If a person is deceased without having executed such an Agreement, the family may apply for an Interment Agreement and, if issued, must pay the rate in effect at the time for the interment option selected before interment.

F. Terms and Conditions

The church offers certain guarantees to the interred and reserves certain rights for the church. They are, but not limited to, the following:

1. Legal title to the Garden and all locations therein shall be and at all time remain in the church. The grantee, heirs, and assigns waive the right to access, removal or retrieval of the interred. Only biodegradable containers may be used if the ashes are buried in the Garden or environs.
2. The church respects the site, but reserves the right to remodel, alter or reconfigure the plan or the structures of the Garden to make improvements deemed necessary.
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Request for a Memorial Garden Interment Agreement

To: Lighthouse United Methodist Church of Boca Grande
Attention: The Memorial Garden Committee
P.O. Box 524
Boca Grande, FL. 33921

Grantee: Name _____
Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Telephone _____

Selection of Interment option:

___ Inurnment \$3,000 per niche ___ Number of persons
___ Scattering of ashes \$600 per person ___ Number of persons
___ Memorializing only \$600 per person ___ Number of persons

Payment included: \$ _____ Date _____

Person #1: Name _____ Year of birth _____
(as you wish it to appear on the memorial)

Person #2: Name _____ Year of birth _____
(as you wish it to appear on the memorial)





Signature _____

Grantor: Lighthouse United Methodist Church of Boca Grande

Date of issue: _____ Niche Number: _____

Issued for the Church by: _____

Plaque Layout
13 Characters Across

 $4 \frac{1}{2}''$ 	BLANK
	LAST NAME (1" Letters)
	<i>1 ¼" Space</i>
	FIRST NAME (¾" Letters)
	<i>½" Space</i>
	DATES (¾" Letters)
	<i>½" Space</i>
	FIRST NAME (¾" Letters)
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	DATES (¾" Letters)
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Memorial Garden Niche Identification Chart

UPDATED ON: 1/12/22

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NAME HIGHLIGHTED IN GRAY (Deceased - Ashes In Columbarium)

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40	41	42	43	44
45	46	47	48	49	50	51	52	53	54	55	56	57	58	59	60	61	62	63	64	65	66	67	68	69	70	71	72	73	74	75	76	77	78	79	80	81	82	83	84	85	86	87	88

NAMES

<p>1 Brightly, Brian Brightly, Irina</p> <p>5</p> <p>9 York, William</p> <p>13 Goetcheus, John Goetcheus, Jan</p> <p>17 Durno, John Durno, Eleonor</p> <p>21 Roelse, Mary Ann</p> <p>25 Caple, Charles Caple, Jane</p> <p>29 Lyons, Martin Lyones Nancy Callaway</p> <p>33</p> <p>37</p> <p>41 Young, Robert Young, Eleanor</p> <p>45</p> <p>49</p>	<p>2 Strosnik, Joseph A Strosnik, Margarethe</p> <p>6</p> <p>10 Moore, Marjorie A.</p> <p>14 Dever, Charles Dever, Ann</p> <p>18 Cuda, Richard Cuda, Ellen</p> <p>22 Frederick, Robert Frederick, Carolyn</p> <p>26 Cochrun, James</p> <p>30 Rembold, Christopher K. Rembold, Kathryn Y.</p> <p>34</p> <p>38</p> <p>42 Wood, Maurice Wood, Jenny Wood, Stephen</p> <p>46</p> <p>50</p>	<p>3</p> <p>7 Hanafee, Susan Rogerson, Ian</p> <p>11 Gutman, Ron Gutman, Rosemary</p> <p>15</p> <p>19 Moenning, John Moenning, Jean</p> <p>23 Senior, David Senior, Joan</p> <p>27 Klepser, Richard D. Klepser, Diane L.</p> <p>31</p> <p>35</p> <p>39 Stewart, Doug Stewart, Carol</p> <p>43</p> <p>47</p> <p>51</p>	<p>4</p> <p>8 Humke, Ray Humke, Carolyn Kramer</p> <p>12 Randall, Lyman Randall, Martha</p> <p>16 Wesselmann, Lee Wesselmann, Beatrice Wesselmann, Todd</p> <p>20 Rogers, Weldon</p> <p>24 Paxton, Ed Paxton, Beth</p> <p>28</p> <p>32</p> <p>36</p> <p>40</p> <p>44</p> <p>48</p> <p>52</p>
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NAMES

53	54	55	56
57 Goetcheus, Greg	58	59	60
61	62 Baker, Todd Cuda-Baker, Beth	63 Cooke, John Cooke, Jane	64
65	66	67	68 Nick Kaiser
69	70	71	72
73	74	75	76
77	78	79	80
81	82	83	84
85	86	87	88