

# OUR LADY SEAT OF WISDOM CATHOLIC CHURCH, OYARIFA

## FUNERAL ATTENDANCE POLICY

### Preamble

This policy covers attending funerals of (i) deceased parishioners; and (ii) immediate family members of parishioners.

The policy complements the existing welfare scheme of Our Lady Seat of Wisdom Catholic Church, Oyarifa ('OLSWCC' or 'Church') and the voluntary welfare scheme introduced by the Church a year ago with enhanced benefit package. Funeral attendance has been a thorny issue among parishioners. Parishioners' view is that the Church should support parishioners during periods of bereavement by physically attending funerals of deceased parishioners and immediate relatives of parishioners.

It is in light of this that this policy on attending funerals has been adopted to guide the Church.

### Provisions:

1. Beneficiaries of the policy must be registered parishioners of OLSWCC and members in good standing of a Day Born Group.
2. Leaders of Day Born Groups must confirm a deceased/bereaved parishioner's good standing in the Day Born Group.
3. The Church Welfare Committee will determine the transportation and associated costs for the trip to the funeral of the deceased/bereaved parishioner.
4. The transportation and associated costs will be shared as follows:
  - a) the deceased/bereaved's Day Born Group will sponsor two members to the funeral;
  - b) the other six Day Born Groups will sponsor one member each to the funeral; and
  - c) the Church will sponsor two parishioners to the funeral.
5. Where there are bereaved siblings from different Day Born Groups, the transportation and associated costs will be shared as follows:
  - a) each Day Born Group of a bereaved sibling will sponsor two members to the funeral;

- b) the other Day Born Groups will sponsor one member each to the funeral; and
  - c) the Church will sponsor two parishioners to the funeral.
- 6. Where there are bereaved siblings in the same Day Born Group, the transportation and associated costs will be shared as follows:
  - a) the Day Born Group of the bereaved siblings will sponsor two members to the funeral;
  - b) the other six Day Born Groups will sponsor one member each to the funeral; and
  - c) the Church will sponsor two parishioners to the funeral.
- 7. Where a deceased/bereaved parishioner is NOT a member of any Day Born Group or a member of a Day Born Group is NOT in good standing, the Church will sponsor two parishioners to the funeral.
- 8. The bereaved parishioner /family of deceased parishioner will bear the cost of hosting the Church members attending the funeral.
- 9. Where a bereaved/family of a deceased parishioner prefers no physical attendance at the funeral, 50% of the determined transportation costs will be given to the bereaved/family of the deceased parishioner.
- 10. Where more than the sponsored parishioners want to attend a funeral, the Church's Welfare Committee will hire a bus and determine the transportation costs and share the costs among the registered parishioners who want to attend the funeral.