

Memorial/Funeral Planning: Honoraria Suggestions

Many times we are asked by family members for some suggested amounts they can give for honoraria for those involved in different aspects of a loved one's memorial/funeral service. Typically at Assembly, pastoral team, musicians, and those providing food are not offered an honorarium. We consider these roles as part of being a community together. However, if you feel it is important and appropriate the following is a list of **considerations and suggestions**. They are not meant to be seen as a requirement for services.

Pastor: For pastoral team members the honoraria varies depending on the pastor's role in the service:

- Meditation- \$100
- Worship Leader- \$75

Musicians: For musicians the honoraria varies depending on a number of factors, such as: how many musical pieces the person is offering; whether they are involved throughout the service; if they need to set aside time to practice with others; and whether or not they are from your small group.

- pianist– \$75 and up
- song leader – \$50
- soloist – \$50 and up
- other musicians – \$50-100 for violinist, flautist, etc.

Kitchen coordinator: \$75 and up

Funeral Meal Committee: \$200 suggested donation to Assembly Mennonite Church for meal costs

Sound coordinator: \$30 and up

**In considering how much to offer for honoraria, please keep in mind the question: "Is someone missing work to participate and contribute to the service?"*

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