

# Rules and Regulations governing the Shepherd of the Mountains Lutheran Church (SMLC) Columbarium (CC)

These rules and regulations are designed to protect the interests of both the individual user and the church. Adherence will be maintained for the general good in preserving the desirability and beauty of the present, and future, columbarium and surrounding grounds.

Eligibility for Internment:

1. Member or former member of SMLC
2. Member of another Lutheran Church
3. Resident of Estes Park Good Samaritan Village

Having met the eligibility requirements, cremains are limited to

1. Eligible member/spouse/partner/children/stepchildren/grandchildren
2. Relative by blood or marriage of the qualifying member

Management entrusted to SMLC Columbarium Committee

Request to have assigned space must be made to CC

Payment for a Columbarium niche shall be in an amount and manner approved by the CC. No interment may take place until full payment has been received for the niche and complete package.

Reserved space cannot be sold or transferred without express written consent of the CC.

Cost of niche includes permanent maintenance of Columbarium and surrounding grounds. Only urns provided by the CC may be used.

Only human remains, in an urn, can be placed in the Columbarium. Remains other than human are not allowed.

Remains once enclosed may not be removed without the consent of the CC. Request must be in writing and must name an appointed representative.

No decorations, real or artificial shall be placed in the Columbarium. Planting of trees or shrubs around the surrounding grounds will be the responsibility of the CC.

The scattering of cremains on the grounds surrounding the Columbarium is not permitted.

If the Columbarium must be relocated, the policy of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America or its successor will dictate its relocation.

Changes of the above rules and regulations shall only be made by the CC as experience and necessity dictate.