

Planning Survey for BCMC Columbarium and Garden of Memory and Hope

Please return to the box in the Gathering Place by May 28, 2017

The Bethel College Mennonite Church built a columbarium in 2005 with 144 niches. To guarantee future availability, BCMC voted to expand the columbarium. There are niches open for immediate use but this action guarantees future space for others purchasing niches now.

Recently the Creation Care Committee developed a complementary proposal for a Garden of Memory and Hope for scattering ashes of loved ones. Because this option was not available when a previous survey of needs was conducted, **the Church Board is requesting your response to this brief survey.** Results will help the Church Board develop a proposal for consideration at a future congregational meeting. **Your response to this survey does not obligate you in any way.**

For this survey assume that the cost is the same for either the Columbarium or the Garden of Memory and Hope and the cost is \$1,000 for members and \$1,500 for non-members. A memorial plaque in the Columbarium or a memorial paver in the Garden would be available for the same price.

1. Circle the letter of the statement that best describes your situation:

- a. I/we have or are developing other plans and do not anticipate using the BCMC Columbarium or Garden of Memory and Hope for burial of ashes. If you circle this option, circle the statement below that best describes your intentions.
 - i. I/we are not planning for a memorial plaque or paver at BCMC.
 - ii. I/we are planning for _____ (number of) memorial plaques or pavers at BCMC.
- b. I/we have already purchased _____ (number of) niches. If you circle this option, circle the statement below that best describes your situation.
 - i. I/we now prefer to use the Garden of Memory and Hope instead of the Columbarium.
 - ii. I/we still prefer to use niche(s) in the Columbarium.
- c. I/we plan to purchase _____ (number of) Columbarium niche(s) in the future.
- d. I/we plan to purchase _____ (number of) agreement(s) to scatter in the Garden of Memory and Hope in the future.
- e. I/we are not sure of our plans.

2. If you circled (c) or (d) above indicating a future purchase, when do you anticipate making that purchase (circle the letter):

- a. Within 12 months
- b. Within 5 years
- c. More than 5 years from now

3. Comments or explanations if any

Your name(s) _____ Date _____

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Questions? Contact Sondra Koontz, John Waltner, Ron Preheim, Richard Friesen