



## **PRE-PLANNING PROGRAM FOR RELIGIOUS CONGREGATIONS**

Provided Exclusively By Funeralwise

**Helping you prepare wisely and  
celebrate uniquely. Because every  
life deserves to be remembered.**

# PROGRAM MISSION

Provide, at no charge, the necessary resources and support to local congregations so that they can better assist their families. Our goal is to help remove the significant emotional, financial, and legal burdens associated with the death of a loved one. To do this, we offer a suite of practical and effective pre-planning tools and resources.



## PROGRAM SERVICES

When you enroll in the Funeralwise Pre-Planning Program for Religious Congregations, you become a member of the Funeralwise family. That means you'll get our full slate of services along with the attention of a dedicated Pre-planning Specialist. Participating members of your congregation receive the following services.

### Funeral and Final Arrangements

- We'll explain the emotional, financial, and legal benefits of pre-planning and detail the information required to plan and organize a funeral service
- Personal assistance with all aspects of funeral pre-planning
  - Options for funeral services
  - Selecting a funeral home
  - Choosing merchandise

### Funeral Costs

- Current funeral costs for your local market
- Strategies to reduce funeral costs
- Available funeral funding options
- Assistance with deciding which option is right for you
- Help to identify and secure the appropriate form of funeral funding

# THE SERVICES WE PROVIDE CONTINUED

## Legal Documents

- Explanation of the purpose and benefits of a Last Will and Testament and Advance Healthcare Directive
- Free Last Will and Testament and Advance Healthcare Directive for participating church members

## Government Death Benefits

- Explanation of VA Veteran Death Benefit qualifications and services
- Assistance securing lost military records required for VA Death Benefits
- Explanation of the Social Security Death Benefit and qualifications to apply



## Funeralwise Legacy Program provided by FEPSA

- Explanation of the free FEPSA SAGE Tuition program
- FEPSA Church Legacy Program

***Participating members will receive our funeral planning guides and resources along with our state-of-the-art funeral recordkeeping system (The Wise Planning System by Funeralwise).***

Funeralwise offers the Pre-planning Program for Religious Congregations at no charge to local churches nationwide as a way to support communities of faith. If we were mechanics, we would probably offer some sort of automotive repair program. But we are not mechanics. We are experts in the funeral home, cemetery, and funeral funding industries. This program is our way of giving back. It is a ministry extension of our professional, secular careers.

***When you take part in the Pre-Planning Program, you'll have access to a full array of customized support programs.***



### **Funeralwise Support Team**

- Custom portal for your congregation at Funeralwise.com
- Funeralwise Liaison training program for designated church representative(s)
- A dedicated Funeralwise Pre-Planning Specialist
- Funeralwise Legal Document Support team to assist with legal documents
- Funeralwise Program Introduction Event
- Annual Pre-Planning Campaign assistance and support

Rev. Billy Thompson Jr. brings with him his knowledge and expertise in the pre-arranged funeral industry along with a pastor's heart for God's people. He understands the great care and diligence that must take place before exposing a congregation to an outside entity. He also understands the burdens placed on families, congregations, and church leadership when a family within the congregation experiences a death that was unprepared for. Rev. Thompson also has access to the full resources of Funeralwise in order to help you make the decisions that are right for you.

***Because we are independent and not affiliated with specific funeral homes, we can provide unbiased recommendations for all your funeral-related needs, from services to funding.***

## Funeralwise is an independent resource.

We are not a funeral home. We are an independent funeral planning company and have no funeral home affiliation. This allows us to work with any funeral home so members can use any funeral home they choose. This also prevents the church from inadvertently promoting one funeral home over another.

Our independence also allows us to provide unbiased recommendations on funeral funding options, whether it be a pre-need funeral trust, burial insurance, or an annuity. We recommend funding options that best fit your church member's specific needs and situation.

Our partnership with the non-profit Final Expense Planning Specialist Association (FEPSA) allows us the ability to provide you with Last Will and Testaments, Living Wills, and Advance Healthcare Directives at no cost. Through this partnership, we also offer our Funeralwise Legacy Program which includes the SAGE Scholarship Program and the Church Legacy Program.



***We believe that addressing an individual's "death expenses" should never interfere with their ability to meet their "living expenses". All funding recommendations are made with this principle in mind.***

Funeralwise is a national funeral pre-need company. Most of our planning specialists work as independent pre-need specialists. Funeralwise generates its revenue through its online store, compensation from various funding companies, and from funeral homes our clients choose to use for their final arrangements. The success of this part of our business allows Funeralwise the ability to offer our Funeralwise Pre-Planning Program at no cost to participating congregations.



## Are there any costs to participants?

Funeralwise does not charge for the services and assistance provided under the Funeralwise Pre-Planning Program for Religious Congregations, but this is not the case for the specific service providers an individual may choose to utilize. The funeral home and/or funeral funding company the client selects will charge for the products and services they provide. We are here to help simplify the process and provide unbiased, easy-to-understand guidance and assistance. It is our hope that members of your congregation will see the benefits of pre-planning and how it can remove the burdens associated with their death from those they love the most, allowing them to properly grieve and celebrate the life of the ones they loved.



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