

Grief and Bereavement Committee

DUTIES

This committee makes sure that support and assistance are offered to any Meeting member or attender who is suffering from the loss of a loved one. This support does not have to come solely from committee members; those in our community who are close to the bereaved may also be called on to help. The type of committee support and assistance varies from case to case.

Committee members are encouraged to send sympathy notes, offer company, or reach out to the bereaved in some other way.

If the family wants, the committee can help with arrangements for a memorial service, such as

- helping prepare and publish the obituary,
- reserving the meetinghouse, or helping to rent another space and chairs,
- helping with setup (flowers, music, etc.),
- helping prepare a handout,
- making sure there is a guestbook, and
- helping to arrange for refreshments following the service.

The committee also may offer educational programs on topics related to death and dying, or materials to help with planning final arrangements, as it sees the need.

SIZE/TENURE

There should be 5-9 members. The term is indefinite, renewed annually.

Whenever possible, there should be one member who also serves on the Oversight & Membership Committee and another member who also serves on the Fellowship Committee.

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