

The Congregational Health  
Bereavement Program



**Congregational  
Health  
Bereavement  
Resource Guide  
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Supporting bereavement  
in faith communities

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*Location: 33013 - Hialeah*

## THE CONGREGATIONAL HEALTH BEREAVEMENT PROGRAM

The **Congregational Health Bereavement Program** is an extension of the Congregational Health department of Baptist Health. The vision is to create a network of bereavement support groups in faith settings throughout our community. Persons who are grief-stricken can be referred by professionals (such as doctors, chaplains and social workers) to appropriate cultural and religious support groups in our network.

Bereavement support in the faith community recognizes the cultural diversity of grief responses in the South Miami-Dade area, as well as the importance of the faith and spiritual community in coping with grief.

### **Congregational Health Bereavement Referral Guide Process**

The following information provides details about the various faith-based bereavement groups and programs offered in the community. Our trained faith-based bereavement facilitators offer their services for free through two different ways:

**Bereavement Support Groups:** this is a gathering of people seeking to address their grief with the support of others also experiencing grief. Some of these groups are focused on specific concerns (such as for parents; while others are general groups for everyone). Some of the groups are closed, meaning that the same group meets for a set number of times. Other groups are open, meaning that anyone can begin attending at any time and stop at any time.

**Bereavement Personal Support:** this is one on one service. This is for grieving people who are not comfortable in a group setting or are not able to find a suitable group setting. This is not counseling. In this program, facilitators stay in touch with people in grief by phone, sending cards, meeting over lunch, etc.

Following are some suggestions for selecting the group or program that best meets your needs:

1. Pick a group that appeals to you based on a certain geographical location, a particular denomination, a particular language, a group that

identifies with a particular culture, etc.

2. Call the contact person at the number indicated to let them know that you are interested in participating and to double check on the time and location of their program or group meetings.
3. Participate in the meeting to see for yourself if it is what you are looking for.



# BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUPS



**BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUPS**

**CATHOLIC**

*Good Shepherd Catholic Church*

<b>Contact person</b> (Spanish speaking)	Blanca Zayas <b>Phone(s):</b> 305-386-5598
<b>Address</b>	14187 SW 72 St. Miami, FL 33183
<b>Date of meeting</b>	Every third Wednesday 8:15 p.m. School of the parish, room 106
<b>Cultural grouping</b>	Hispanic
<b>Notes</b>	

**BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUPS**

**CATHOLIC**

*Immaculate Conception Catholic Church*

<b>Contact person</b> (Spanish speaking)	Susan Teran <b>Phone(s):</b> 305-321-6202
<b>Address</b>	4497 West First Ave. Hialeah, FL 33012
<b>Date of meeting</b>	Call for information
<b>Cultural grouping</b>	Multicultural
<b>Notes</b>	Bereavement personal support is also offered in English and Spanish.

**BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUPS**

**CATHOLIC**

*Saint John Neumann Catholic Church*

<b>Contact person</b> (English speaking)	Lorna Fyffe <b>Phone(s):</b> 305-270-8632 305-934-0709 (cellular)
<b>Address</b>	12125 SW 107 Ave. Miami, FL 33176
<b>Date of meeting</b>	Every second and fourth Tuesday 7:30 p.m.
<b>Cultural grouping</b>	Hispanic, European-American
<b>Notes</b>	

**BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUPS**

**JEWISH**

*Temple Samu-El Or Olom*

<b>Contact person</b> (English speaking)	Phyllis Koss <b>Phone(s):</b> 305-588-1375 phyllismsw@aol.com
<b>Address</b>	10680 SW 113 Pl. Miami, FL 33176
<b>Date of meeting</b>	Every second and fourth Wednesday 7:30 - 9 p.m.
<b>Cultural grouping</b>	Jewish
<b>Notes</b>	When Kaddish in not enough, you don't have to grieve alone when you lose a loved one finding comfort in our community.

**BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUPS**

**PROTESTANT**

*Central Christian Church*

<b>Contact person</b> (Spanish speaking)	Vivian Lozada <b>Phone(s):</b> 786-271-6739
<b>Address</b>	222 Menores Ave. (SW 15 St.) Coral Gables, FL 33134
<b>Date of meeting</b>	Every third Wednesday 7 p.m. Fellowship hall. Follow the signs.
<b>Cultural grouping</b>	Hispanic
<b>Notes</b>	

**BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUPS**

**PROTESTANT**

*Church of God of Prophecy (Center of Hope)*

Contact person (English speaking)	Margaret Davis Phone(s): 305-238-5018
Address	Call for information
Date of meeting	Every Friday
Cultural grouping	
Notes	

**BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUPS**

**PROTESTANT**

*Covenant Missionary Baptist Church*

<b>Contact person</b> (English speaking)	Dorothy White <b>Phone(s):</b> 305-238-7897
<b>Address</b>	1055 NE 6 Ave. Florida City, FL 33034
<b>Date of meeting</b>	Every third Saturday 10 - 11 a.m.
<b>Cultural grouping</b>	Afro-American
<b>Notes</b>	Offers Bereavement Personal Support

## BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUPS

### PROTESTANT

*Episcopal Church of the Ascension*

<b>Contact person</b> (English speaking)	Helen Bhagwandin <b>Phone(s):</b> 305-238-5151
<b>Address</b>	11201 SW 160 St. Miami, FL 33157
<b>Date of meeting</b>	Every second Monday 7 p.m.
<b>Cultural grouping</b>	Multicultural
<b>Notes</b>	They offer an end of year (Advent time) memorial candle light service for the families.

**BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUPS**

**PROTESTANT**

*First Baptist Church of Key Largo*

<b>Contact person</b> (English speaking)	Joyce Nealy <b>Phone(s):</b> 305-451-5843 305-394-2676
<b>Address</b>	MM99 (across Taco Bell) Fellowship Hall, room 16 Key Largo, FL 33037
<b>Date of meeting</b>	Call for information.
<b>Cultural grouping</b>	European-American
<b>Notes</b>	Bereavement support group for people who have lost a loved one in violent death.

**BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUPS**

**PROTESTANT**

*First Saint John Missionary Baptist Church*

<b>Contact person</b> (English speaking)	Mabelene Nesbitt <b>Phone(s):</b> 305-301-9513
<b>Address</b>	13740 SW 264 St. Naranja, FL 33032
<b>Date of meeting</b>	Call for information
<b>Cultural grouping</b>	
<b>Notes</b>	

**BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUPS**

**PROTESTANT**

*Iglesia Ejecutiva Bautista*

<b>Contact person</b> (Spanish speaking)	Jose Flores <b>Phone(s):</b> 305-303-9498
<b>Address</b>	6967 SW 24 St. Miami, FL 33155
<b>Date of meeting</b>	<i>"Amor en Acción"</i> Every Wednesday 8 p.m.
<b>Cultural grouping</b>	Hispanic
<b>Notes</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Offers bereavement personal support.</li> </ul>

**BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUPS**

**PROTESTANT**

*Martin Memorial AME Church*

Contact person (English speaking)	Mary Johnson Phone(s): 305-254-6850 305-968-4871
Address	14700 Lincoln Blvd. Miami, FL 33176
Date of meeting	Every third Tuesday 6 - 7 p.m.
Cultural grouping	Multicultural
Notes	

# BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUPS

## PROTESTANT

### *Miami Temple Seventh Day Adventist*

<b>Contact person</b> (Spanish & English speaking)	Maria Gough (Spanish) George Gough (English) <b>Phone(s):</b> 786-242-1419 (home) 786-277-9522 (cellular Spanish) 786-286-5504 (cellular English)  Nelly Corea <b>Phone(s):</b> 305-382-9719
<b>Address</b>	9175 SW 44 St. Miami, FL 33165
<b>Date of meeting</b>	<i>"Oasis"</i> Every first Thursday in Spanish Every third Thursday in English 7 p.m.
<b>Cultural grouping</b>	Multicultural
<b>Notes</b>	They may also: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Offer bereavement personal support, if necessary.</li> <li>• Support to mothers who lost their children</li> <li>• Visit the person at home.</li> </ul>

**BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUPS**

**PROTESTANT**

*Mt. Moriah Missionary Baptist Church*

<b>Contact person</b> (English speaking)	Rose Miller-Shepp <b>Phone(s):</b> 305-253-1693
<b>Address</b>	16900 SW 100 Ave. Perrine, FL 33157
<b>Date of meeting</b>	<i>"Mt. Moriah Bereavement/Survivor's Care Group"</i> Every Saturday 7 - 8 p.m.
<b>Cultural grouping</b>	African-American
<b>Notes</b>	

**BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUPS**

**PROTESTANT**

*New Bethel AME Church*

<b>Contact person</b> (English speaking)	Leoni Campbell-Goodluck <b>Phone(s):</b> 305-254-3454
<b>Address</b>	11695 SW 220 St. Goulds, FL 33170
<b>Date of meeting</b>	Every fourth Saturday of every month.
<b>Cultural grouping</b>	Multicultural
<b>Notes</b>	

**BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUPS**

**PROTESTANT**

*Old Cutler Presbyterian Church*

Contact person (English speaking)	Jan Moggio Phone(s): 305-238-8121 Ext.: 320
Address	Prayer Chapel 14401 Old Cutler Rd. Miami, FL 33158
Date of meeting	Every Thursday 7 - 8:30 p.m.
Cultural grouping	Multicultural
Notes	

**BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUPS**

**PROTESTANT**

*Príncipe de Paz Lutheran Church*

<p><b>Contact person</b> (Spanish speaking)</p>	<p>Myriam Benitez  <b>Phone(s):</b>            786-357-7647 (cellular)            305-226-1612 (work)            305-380-7271 (home)</p>
<p><b>Address</b></p>	<p>6375 West Flagler St.            Miami, FL 33144</p>
<p><b>Date of meeting</b></p>	<p><i>"Ministerio del Consuelo"</i>            Every second and fourth Tuesday            7 - 9 p.m.</p>
<p><b>Cultural grouping</b></p>	<p>Multicultural</p>
<p><b>Notes</b></p>	<p>They may also:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Offer bereavement personal support, if necessary.</li> <li>• Support to mothers who lost their children</li> <li>• Visit the person at home.</li> </ul>

## BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUPS

### PROTESTANT

*St. John AME Church*

Contact person (English speaking)	Rev. Gillian Turner Phone(s): 305-720-6389
Address	6461 SW 59 PI Miami, FL 33143
Date of meeting	Every Wednesday after the second Sunday. 7 - 8 pm.
Cultural grouping	Afro-American
Notes	Support general bereavement and bereaved parents.

**BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUPS**

**PROTESTANT**

*St. Luke's the Physician Episcopal Church*

<b>Contact person</b> (English speaking)	Carmen Chang <b>Phone(s):</b> 305-279-2465 (church) 305-505-0935 (c)
<b>Address</b>	12355 SW 104 St. Miami, FL 33186
<b>Date of meeting</b>	<i>Whispers from the Heart</i> Every second Thursday 9:30 a.m.
<b>Cultural grouping</b>	Multicultural
<b>Notes</b>	They may also: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Offer bereavement personal support, if necessary.</li> </ul>

## BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUPS

### PROTESTANT

*St. Peter's Missionary Baptist Church*

Contact person (English speaking)	Emma Sumpter Phone(s): 305-255-0437 (h) 305-613-3737 (c)
Address	20110 SW 114 Ave. Miami, FL 33189
Date of meeting	<i>Support of Souls in Grief</i> Every third Monday 7 p.m.
Cultural grouping	Multicultural
Notes	They offer support: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Widows</li><li>• Divorcees</li></ul> <a href="http://www.soulsingrief.com">Www.soulsingrief.com</a>

**BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUPS**

**PROTESTANT**

*Tabernacle Seventh Day Adventist Church*

<b>Contact person</b> (English speaking)	Roosevelt James <b>Phone(s):</b> 954-718-5652
<b>Address</b>	8017 NE Second Ave. Miami, FL 33138
<b>Date of meeting</b>	Every Wednesday 7 p.m.
<b>Cultural grouping</b>	Multicultural
<b>Notes</b>	They may also: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Support seniors through grief education and attend funerals to offer grief support to bereaved families.</li></ul>

**BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUPS**

**PROTESTANT**

*Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Miami*

<b>Contact person</b> (English speaking)	Alice Lingswiler <b>Phone(s):</b> 305-667-3697 (church) 305-221-0843 (home)
<b>Address</b>	7701 SW 76 Ave. Miami, FL 33143 Emerson room
<b>Date of meeting</b>	<i>"The Grief Support Group"</i> Every first Sunday 1:15 p.m.
<b>Cultural grouping</b>	Multicultural
<b>Notes</b>	



**BEREAVEMENT PERSONAL SUPPORT**



## BEREAVEMENT PERSONAL SUPPORT

### CATHOLIC

*Christ the King Catholic Church*

Contact person (English speaking)	Joan Lyons Phone(s): 305-235-0644
Address	Call for information
Date of meeting	Call for information
Cultural grouping	Multicultural
Notes	

## BEREAVEMENT PERSONAL SUPPORT

### CATHOLIC

*Church of the Little Flower*

Contact person (English speaking)	Katie Dunn Phone(s): 305-446-9950
Address	2711 Indian Mound Trail Coral Gables, FL 33134
Date of meeting	Call for information
Cultural grouping	Multicultural
Notes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Pre-holiday bereavement support groups</li></ul>

## BEREAVEMENT PERSONAL GROUPS

### CATHOLIC

*Sacred Heart Catholic Church*

Contact person (English speaking)	Teri and Bob Picken <b>Phone(s):</b> 305-257-4106 jtkirk1701@comcast.net
Address	Call for information
Date of meeting	Call for information
Cultural grouping	Multicultural
Notes	

**BEREAVEMENT PERSONAL SUPPORT**

**NON-DENOMINATIONAL**

*Local Spiritual Assembly of the Bahai*

Contact person (English speaking)	Agnes Sheffy Phone(s): 305-431-3923
Address	Call for information
Date of meeting	Call for information
Cultural grouping	
Notes	

**BEREAVEMENT PERSONAL SUPPORT**

**NON-DENOMINATIONAL**

*Unity Center of Miami*

<b>Contact person</b> (English, Creole & French speaking)	Cheryl Pestaina Chryl-Ann Forbes <b>Phone(s):</b> 305-232-9503
<b>Address</b>	16320 SW 147 Ave. Miami, FL 33187
<b>Date of meeting</b>	Call for information
<b>Cultural grouping</b>	Multicultural
<b>Notes</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Annual Memorial Ceremony TBA</li></ul>

**BEREAVEMENT PERSONAL SUPPORT**

**PROTESTANT**

*Christ the King Lutheran Church*

Contact person (English speaking)	Sandy Vanden Phone(s): 305-666-4807
Address	11295 SW 57 Ave. Miami, FL 33156
Date of meeting	Call for information
Cultural grouping	
Notes	

**BEREAVEMENT PERSONAL SUPPORT**

**PROTESTANT**

*Crossbridge Church*

<b>Contact person</b> (English speaking)	Elaine Brockhouse <b>Phone(s):</b> 305-235-7765
<b>Address</b>	Call for information
<b>Date of meeting</b>	Call for information
<b>Cultural grouping</b>	European-American
<b>Notes</b>	

## BEREAVEMENT PERSONAL SUPPORT

### PROTESTANT

*Greater New Mount Zion AME*

Contact person (English speaking)	Patricia Davis Betty McNichols Phone(s): 305-245-8761
Address	890 SW Fourth St. Homestead, FL 33030
Date of meeting	Call for information
Cultural grouping	Multicultural
Notes	

## BEREAVEMENT PERSONAL GROUPS

### PROTESTANT

*Iglesia Bautista Dios te Ama*

Contact person (Spanish speaking)	Ernesto Alfonso Phone(s): 305-409-6544
Address	767 East 56 St. Hialeah, FL 33013
Date of meeting	Call for information
Cultural grouping	Multicultural
Notes	

## Only You Can Journey Through

*Poem by Rev. Dale A. Young*

Tears of anguish.  
Tears of loss.  
Across the profound chasm  
Of emotion and miles,  
I feel your pain.

Tears of loss  
Tears of confusion  
You've cried them before  
As you had to struggle  
Through your grief  
Like a distant lonely island.

Tears of confusion  
Tears of rage  
Tears shed for loss upon loss.  
So many raw wounds beg to be healed,  
Wounds you dare not open now,  
On this bitter bed of sorrow.

Tears of rage  
Tears of grief.  
If I could only embrace your pain,  
I would hold you until your trembling cease.  
I would warm you like a sunny afternoon.  
But your grief is beyond my embrace.  
Sorrow's journey is your own.

Tears of grief  
Tears of anguish.  
How I long to rescue you from days of gloom,  
But a somber forest stands between us.  
This sojourn has your name,  
I cannot pass through it for you,  
Only you can journey through.







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