

# "Death Education and Funeral Planning"

Resistance to thinking about death has caused widespread ignorance ~~among~~ about the death situation, funeral arrangements and funeral costs.

Need for "pre-planning" (critical to restoration to the family of control of the funeral)

Churches need to help their members face grief + death. Also, education about the funeral as an important Christian rite consistent with religious faith + stewardship.

Problem areas:

- 1) Theological confusion about meaning of death & the Resurrection
- 2) lack of training for pastors in counseling with the terminally ill + with the grieving
- 3) lack of information about alternatives to the traditional funeral pattern.

Pre-planning means making decisions in advance to advise or assist next of kin or executors regarding events following one's death - as to funeral, disposition of human remains + memorialization.

