

## **Evangelical Reformed Church in Lauterbrunnen Fee regulations for occasional services**

### **Art. 1 Principle**

1.1 These regulations are based on the principle that our parish is a welcoming and open church.

1.2 Those wishing to take advantage of services beyond the basic offering are expected to make a proportionate contribution towards the costs incurred.

### **Art. 2 Scope of application**

2.1 These regulations govern the fees of the parish for weddings, funerals and baptisms of:

- Members of a reformed church in Switzerland who do not reside in the parish of Lauterbrunnen (Tariff 1)
- Non-members of a reformed church in Switzerland (Tariff 2)

### **Art. 3 Scale of fees**

#### **3.1 No fees are payable by:**

- a) Members of the Evangelical Reformed Church parish of Lauterbrunnen
- b) Non-residents of Lauterbrunnen who are members of a Swiss reformed church and were confirmed in the Evangelical Reformed Church parish of Lauterbrunnen
- c) Non-residents of Lauterbrunnen who are members of a Swiss reformed church and whose parents are members of the Evangelical Reformed Church parish of Lauterbrunnen
- d) Residents of Lauterbrunnen who are members of the Roman Catholic Church parish of Interlaken

Baptism of minors: the above provisions apply to the parents.

### **3.2 Fee tariff 1**

Fee tariff 1 is applicable to members of a reformed church in Switzerland who do not reside in the parish of Lauterbrunnen.

The fee per wedding or funeral is CHF 700.00, which comprises the following costs:

- a) Parish office: CHF 250.00 (includes preparatory meeting)
- b) Organist: CHF 150.00
- c) Sexton: CHF 100.00
- d) Use of the church: CHF 150.00
- e) Secretarial costs: CHF 50.00
- f) Baptisms: CHF 50.00, items a) to e) are not applicable

### **3.3 Fee tariff 2**

Fee tariff 2 is applicable to non-members of a reformed church in Switzerland.

The fee per wedding or funeral is CHF 1060.00, which comprises the following costs:

- a) Parish office: CHF 350.00 (includes preparatory meeting)
- b) Organist: CHF 180.00
- c) Sexton: CHF 180.00
- d) Use of the church: CHF 250.00
- e) Secretarial costs: CHF 100.00
- f) Baptisms: CHF 100.00, items a) to e) are not applicable

3.4 Expenses incurred, additional musical accompaniment as part of the religious service or costs for time-consuming preparatory meetings will be charged in addition to the above fees.

## **Art. 4 Hardship cases**

4.1 The parish council may waive the fees in part or in whole in individual cases and subject to a request by the applicant.

## **Art. 5 Invoicing**

5.1 The parish office is responsible for invoicing. The invoice is payable within 30 days.

5.2 Should an invoice be contested or remain unpaid, the parish will pursue payment in accordance with the provisions of the Administrative Justice Act.

5.3 Fees are to be entered into the parish current account as revenue.

## **Art. 6 Validity and adjustment**

6.1 These regulations entered into force on 1 June 2010.

6.2 These regulations supersede any prior regulations and other conflicting provisions.

6.3 The parish council is entitled to adjust fees to reflect price developments.

Lauterbrunnen, 16 May 2010