Bell for other occasions. There will be seconds of interval between the consecutive bells. The number of bell rings indicate the age of the dead. For example there will be 70 bell rings if the dead person is 70 years old. All the villagers will soon come to know about the death of a person and his/her age. However, some person runs errand intimating the name of the dead person.

The villagers assemble at the house of a dead person. Dead body is cleaned and clothed. There will be songs on death of a person sung by men and women. In the meantime some men go and dig the grave. The Pastor comes to the house of the dead to conduct the prayer. Dead body is carried in a box i.e. coffin to the burial place. The Pastor conducts another service near the burial pit. The last songs are sung by the men and women. Then the coffin is lowered into the grave and the earth is filled into the pit.

A unique feature among the Karens at present is that the dead is buried in the individual's plot near the house of the dead person's family though there is a common graveyard for each village earmarked. The Karens do

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