

## Yearly Contribution to Shared Ministries Fund

Language Proposed by Membership & Procedures Subcommittee

### **Active Member Church Status Executive Committee Proposal**

#### **Bylaws**

##### *Present Language*

##### II. Membership and Voting

2. There shall be two classes of member Churches: active and inactive. An active member Church is one which (a) makes a yearly financial contribution to the general fund of the Association, and/or (b) makes a yearly statistical report for the Yearbook, and/or (c) sends a delegate to the Annual Meeting.

A member church which does not make a yearly financial contribution, send a delegate to an Annual Meeting, or does not submit an annual report to the Yearbook, is in breach of fellowship and is considered to be an inactive member Church. If a member Church is in breach of fellowship for three successive years, its name shall automatically be removed from the roll of member Churches and the name of its minister shall be removed from the list of ministers in the Yearbook.

A Church which breaches fellowship shall be notified by the Secretary of the Association that it has been placed on the list of inactive member Churches. An inactive Church shall be automatically restored to active status by doing any or all the actions stated above.

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##### *Old & New Language Combined*

##### II. Membership and Voting

2. There shall be two classes of member Churches: active and inactive. An active member Church is one which ~~(a)~~ makes a yearly financial contribution to the general fund of the Association (also referred to as the Shared Ministries Fund) ~~. of at least one-half the Fair Share amount established by the Annual Meeting, and (b) makes a yearly statistical report for the Yearbook. This requirement will be phased in over three years and will take full effect in fiscal year 2011-2012. Exceptions may be granted, upon written request of the church, jointly by the Executive Secretary of the Association and the Executive Committee.~~ **Active churches are strongly encouraged to submit an annual statistical report for the Yearbook and to select a delegate to the Association.**

A member church which does not make ~~its~~ a yearly financial contribution to the ~~general fund~~ Shared Ministries Fund of the Association ~~of at least one-half of the Fair Share amount, and does not submit an annual report to the Yearbook,~~ is in breach of fellowship and is considered to be an inactive member Church. If a member Church is in breach of

fellowship for three successive years, its name shall automatically be removed from the roll of member Churches and the name of its minister shall be removed from the list of ministers in the Yearbook.

A Church which breaches fellowship shall be notified by the Secretary of the Association that it has been placed on the list of inactive member Churches. An inactive Church shall be automatically restored to active status by making a yearly financial contribution to the ~~general fund~~ Shared Ministries Fund of the Association. ~~of at least one half of the Fair Share amount and submitting a statistical report to the Yearbook.~~

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**Proposed New Language for Vote**

The Executive Committee proposes that Section II, Paragraph 2, of the Bylaws of the Association be amended to read as follows:

II. Membership and Voting

2. There shall be two classes of member Churches: active and inactive. An active member Church is one which makes a yearly financial contribution to the general fund of the Association (also referred to as the Shared Ministries Fund). Active churches are strongly encouraged to submit an annual statistical report for the Yearbook and to select a delegate to the Association.

A member church which does not make a yearly financial contribution to the Shared Ministries Fund of the Association is in breach of fellowship and is considered to be an inactive member Church. If a member Church is in breach of fellowship for three successive years, its name shall automatically be removed from the roll of member Churches and the name of its minister shall be removed from the list of ministers in the Yearbook.

A Church which breaches fellowship shall be notified by the Secretary of the Association that it has been placed on the list of inactive member Churches. An inactive Church shall be automatically restored to active status by making a yearly financial contribution to the Shared Ministries Fund of the Association.