

Spiritual Life Proposal for Bylaw change of Member Inactivity procedures
Approved by council June 2022

Motion: To add Section 6 and Bylaw B6.01 to constitutional bylaws using the language and procedures as proposed below.

In Hope's current constitution, section **C8.05 (page 8)** states, "*Membership in this congregation shall be terminated by any of the following... e. removal from the roll due to inactivity as defined in the bylaws.*" However, the bylaws do not include instructions as to how "inactivity" is defined or what the membership termination process is. Therefore, Spiritual Life Committee proposes that we add to the bylaws:

Section 6 (currently would go at bottom of page 22)
MEMBER INACTIVITY

B6.01 The Congregation Council shall provide for an annual review of the membership roster.

- a) The Congregation Council shall annually require a review to be made of the membership rolls; determining those members who show no activity in worship service attendance, financial contributions, or other church engagement during the past two years.
- b) Spiritual Life Committee shall work with the Pastor and the Financial Secretary in preparing lists every 6 months (July & December) of those who have shown no such activity, and shall reach out with encouraging letters, messages, and/or cards to such members.
- c) Annually in February, Spiritual Life Committee shall submit to the Congregation Council, a written report with a recommendation of those who should be removed from the roll of active congregational membership, based on the criteria stipulated in letter A above.
- d) Upon receipt of a full written report from the Spiritual Life Committee, the Congregation Council shall vote on whether to retain the listed members on membership roles and in church directory.