

Conditions of Membership.

I. Active Membership.

Any person of exemplary character and conduct, professing faith in the Lord Jesus Christ for Salvation, and having confessed Him in baptism by immersion, having been admitted to fellowship, and attending the services of the Church (the monthly Communion of the Lord's Supper included), and supporting the Church financially shall be regarded as a person in active membership.

II. Associate Membership.

Any member who fails to attend the monthly Communion of the Lord's Supper during a period of twelve months shall have his or her name transferred from the Active Membership of the Church to the Associate membership, although occasionally attending other services of the Church and supporting the Church financially.

If a member continue to absent himself or herself from the monthly Communion of the Lord's Supper, during a period of twelve months, after his or her name has been transferred to the Associate Membership of the Church, his or her membership shall then lapse on his or her own responsibility.

III. Distant Membership.

Any member, having removed outside the Borough area and being unwilling to transfer membership to some Church in that neighbourhood, may retain his or her membership with this Church by contributing not less than two shillings and sixpence annually to the support of the Church, and continuing to maintain his or her loyalty to Jesus Christ.

RULES GOVERNING TRANSFERENCE, RE-INSTATEMENT AND LAPSING OF MEMBERSHIP.

1. No member shall have his or her name transferred from the Active to Associate Membership of the Church, or lapse from Associate Membership, whose continued absence is due entirely to personal or family illness, or other exceptional cause consistent with Christian faithfulness, and satisfactory to the Church.

2. Any name transferred from the Active Membership of the Church to the roll of Associate Membership shall continue thereon for twelve months. At the expiration of that period, if the one so transferred, resume, during the interval, attendance at the monthly Communion of the Lord's Supper his or her name shall be retransferred to the Active Membership of the Church.

3. Before a member's name is transferred from the Active to the Associate Membership of the Church, he or she shall be visited not less than twice by a visitor appointed by the Church for that purpose; and before anyone's membership lapses, two similar visits shall also be paid.

Such visits to be regarded as official intimation that the name will be transferred from Active to Associate Membership, or membership lapse, as the case may be, if attendance be not resumed at the monthly Communion Service.

4. The membership of anyone having removed outside the Borough area shall lapse after three years from date of removal, if the condition as to annual contribution to Church funds be not complied with.

NOTE:—The membership of no person who removed prior to the coming into force of these rules on January 1, 1913, shall lapse until the expiration of three years from that date; and only then if he or she has failed to observe the condition as to annual contribution to Church funds.