

2011 HUNTSVILLE PRESBYTERY
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SUBJECT: 2011 General Assembly's Definition of Active and Inactive Members and the Roll of the Church Session

DEFINITION OF ACTIVE AND INACTIVE MEMBERS:

The General Assembly Defines Active Member as follows:

1. One who has been constitutionally received into membership in a congregation; and
2. One who has attended services of worship at least twice each quarter; and
3. One who contributes of his/her time, talent or substance during each quarter of the church year; or
4. One who, in the judgment of the session by its pastoral oversight, though unable to attend services of worship, and/or contributes regularly of his/her time, talent or substance to the church, still maintains a faithful, prayerful and loving commitment to Jesus Christ and His church.

The General Assembly Defines Inactive Member as follows:

1. One who has not attended services of worship at least twice each quarter; and
2. One who has not contributed his/her time, talent or substance during each quarter of the church year.

CHURCH SESSION RESPONSIBILITY:

The General Assembly adopted the statement that the church session accept responsibility toward all the members of the church and that it review annually in a responsible manner the rolls of its church in the light of the above definition.

DROPPING NAMES FROM THE CHURCH ROLL:

The General Assembly further adopted the following regarding whether a congregation may drop from its roll absent and inefficient members.

“Since it is the roll of the church to bring persons to Christ and nurture them, at no time should a congregation have the right to merely drop a members from the roll without a thorough review and attempt to reconcile the member to active membership.”

Submitted by: Elder Dr. Joe Ward, Chairman of Board of Judiciary