

# Membership Policy (Board)

## Policy

The purpose of this policy is to authorize the Membership Team to be responsible for establishing and maintaining procedures that encourage continued participation and membership in WUU.

The Membership Team shall coordinate a structured process for membership reviews to ensure compliance with the bylaws and ensure accurate membership records. A review will take place at the end of each fiscal year.

Bylaws require an 'annual financial contribution of record to the operating fund' which are defined as funds given without restriction for the use of the church for the general operations and are considered annual contributions of record.

New members who join the church shall be given a grace period of six months or to the end of the fiscal year of signing the membership book, whichever is later to fulfill the 'annual contribution of record' membership requirement.

Definitions:

A Member is a person who meets the Bylaws criteria for Membership.

A Friend is a person who is actively associated with WUU, may or may not make an annual contribution of record to the operating fund, but has not signed the membership book, or does not want to be considered a member.

- A Friend may serve on committees or teams and hold appointive positions but cannot vote at Congregation meetings, serve as committee/team chairs, serve on Ministerial Search Committees, or hold elective office.

A Member for Life is a long-term congregant who has actively participated over the course of their association with WUU and has now reached a place in their life journey that has impacted their ability to 'actively' participate. They may or may not continue to contribute. No change in status is made if they do not make an 'annual contribution of record.'

This Annual Membership Review Policy shall be reviewed yearly by the Board.

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