

## **MEMBERSHIP ROLL POLICY**

### **PURPOSE:**

To maintain a membership roll which accurately reflects the actual status of the various members of Thamesview United Church in regard to their church relationship. (This is in keeping with the principles and regulations of the United Church of Canada [Section 15]).

### **POLICY:**

The membership roll of Thamesview United Church will be updated annually in accordance with the following principles:

- Resident Member - Any person who has been active in attendance of worship and/or church activities and/or has given financial support is deemed a member of good standing.
- Non-Resident Member—Is a confirmed member of our congregation who is in good standing but has moved too far away from our congregation to attend services regularly.
- Resident member who is inactive may be kept on the membership roll because of compassionate reasons—i.e., shut-in, illness, disability.
- Resident or adherent member who has been inactive for a period of two years shall be contacted by a representative of the Membership Committee and/or the minister(s) of the church to attempt to re-establish his/her participation in church life. If there has been no favourable response within a six-month period, this person's membership shall be terminated according to the policies of Thamesview United Church and notified in writing by the Membership Committee. If address is unknown letter will be filed in records reflecting this decision.
- A non-resident member with whom there has been no contact for two years shall be contacted by the Membership Committee where possible, by letter, to determine this person's ongoing commitment to Thamesview United Church, or possible transfer to a church in his/her community. If there has been no favourable response within a six-month period, this person's membership shall be terminated.

### **PROCEDURE**

- It shall be the responsibility of the Membership Committee to administer this policy.
- To encourage full participation by all members and adherents.
- To show concern for all active members who abruptly terminate their active participation by a policy of prompt visitation.