

*Questions we received from the sessions introducing Membership, as DEFINED IN the proposed new bylaws*

Question	Answer
Should terminating a member be discussed among the whole congregation?	Yes, under the proposed new bylaws
Existing members to attend" existing" members classes to review accountabilities	Probably so, at least for members being considered for leadership roles
Would it be possible to provide the New Members Class online?	It is possible, and we are working on it
Will there be additional opportunity to complete New Members Class besides Sunday?	It has happened before, and could happen again, depending on demand
What do you do if a new member does not want to attend a New Membership Class?	Good question, nothing in the proposed new bylaws addresses this situation.
Do you lose your membership if you don't come in a year?	No.
If a member does not request a letter when transferring to another church, what is the church to do when they return after years?	This is not addressed in the bylaws, our current practice will probably continue, which involves meeting with the pastor.
Do we have a current ministry directory?	Yes. You can get a copy from the Church Office.
It should be mandatory that all children and adults have a series of classes that they must complete as a part of membership requirement.	The proposed bylaws specify that all new members should attend "new members" classes.
Can we have this more than once a year?	Yes.

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What is the definition and levels and will that be communicated to the entire congregation members?	If this is a question about how the various Leadership and ministry teams will be organized, the proposed bylaws describe this in detail. We expect to fully explain this over the next year.
What do you mean by “err” and who determines that is an “err”?	Good question. The proposed bylaws to not specify.
What if you come from the “Catholic Church”?	Many of our members have been Roman Catholic previously. The proposed bylaws do not specifically address this, but these members must have been “new members” when they first came to Oakdale, and membership requirements would apply to them according to the proposed bylaws.
What and how do we help with the ministries with people already in position and need healing?	Good question. Nothing about this (see next 4 questions) is specifically addressed in the proposed bylaws, but it seems to identify a felt need at Oakdale.
I would like specialized classes to address members that are hurting within the church that are mandatory as membership requirement?	Ditto.
How do we help members that are hurting?	Ditto.
A class where each member can come and fix their hearts, say what and where ther hearts are hurting	Ditto.
How to give people an opportunity to pray for someone individually and open up to do so each Sunday?	We currently offer this opportunity after the Sunday morning services.

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<p>We should be more solid in voting in/out out members especially members ho have “disappeared” when we started the balcony was full. But now, we rarely open it up. Do we know where they went?</p>	<p>We do not have a system for tracking people who seem to have “disappeared”. We hope that they all have found a healthy spiritual home somewhere. The proposed bylaws do not specifically address this question.</p>
<p>If a person has been a member of Oakdale for many years and did not complete the New Member’s Class (was not a new convert) would they:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A. Be asked to complete the New Member’s class</li> <li>B. Be asked to leave Oakdale</li> <li>C. Never be in a leadership position</li> </ul> <p>The individual was not made to feel welcome when they went to the New Member’s class. But is in a Sunday School Class then and now.</p>	<p>A. Yes, B. No, C.Maybe – If anyone is not made to feel welcome in the New Members class, or any other class, this is a problem that needs to be addressed and fixed. Article I, section 5, paragraph b. of the proposed bylaws alludes to the biblical teaching about maintaining loving, reconciled relationships among the members of Christ’s body.</p>
<p>Questions we received during the Q&amp;A Sessions via Zoom in December, 2021</p>	
<p>I am having difficulty reading and filling out the invitation packet on the Oakdale website. Is there somewhere I can get a paper copy of the packet documents?</p>	<p>Yes. You can get a copy from the Church Office. If that is inconvenient, we can email a set to you - email such a request to <a href="mailto:aporter51@yahoo.com">aporter51@yahoo.com</a>, and we will return it to you, with the documents attached.</p>
<p>Is the Dec. 4 deadline for submitting the invitation packed still in effect?</p>	<p>No. The RTM committee has recognized that we have not given people enough time to complete the process. The deadline date will be pushed forward several weeks. The exact dates will be publicized soon, but you can expect to submit your packets at least until the end of 2021.</p>

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If we adopt the Team Leadership Model at Oakdale, will there be a transitional “handoff” from the Church Board to the Leadership Team?	Yes. We have a transition plan, which we are finalizing. The precise dates of that transition are yet to be determined; much depends on how our election process is affected by the Covid-19 virus.
Will the transition plan be available for members to view?	Yes, as soon as it is finalized, it will be available on the Oakdale website, and by other means.
What is the current term of service for Oakdale Deacons?	5 years. The new bylaws propose the same length of terms.
<b>Question if the property is the churches as stated in Section 1. Title.</b> The congregation shall hold title to its own assets. Why do we need the ECC and Central Conference to determine how the property is to be used if OCC no longer exist?	We believe that this clause(which was part of the template we received from the Central Conference), is needed to demonstrate our compliance with state and federal regulations of charitable organizations - no charitable organization can dissolve itself in any way that materially benefits the members of its governing body. In other words, we are not permitted to sell the assets of the church, and then declare the church dissolved, if any of us wind up with a share of the proceeds.