

## SECTION 6 – MEMBERSHIP ROLE

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Voting privileges shall be extended to **active** members who are 14 years of age and older and present at a congregational meeting. **Inactive members shall not be entitled to vote.**

**An inactive member is defined as being consistently absent from their Journey Church family's life (which includes areas of worship, ministry, and giving) for a period of one year. \* Members who are homebound due to medical limitations or age are honored exceptions. Other exception may include college/university, shut-ins, or any other unusual circumstances.**

### **Footnote:**

**\* An inactive member's choice to not engage leaves the church's leadership and congregation unaware of how they are living out the five promises of church membership as defined in section 5 of this document. The action of the board in defining a member as inactive is a result of choices that the members themselves have taken. We believe that active membership is important for the following reasons:**

- 1. Protecting the decision making and unity of the church.**
- 2. Providing pastoral care for an inactive member in helping them to come to a place of declaration and decision in relationship to their Journey Church family.**