

Section C-3.6. Termination of Membership.

A member congregation upon written notification to the Association may withdraw from the Association at any time. The Board of Trustees may terminate the membership of any congregation that, pursuant to the provisions of Section C-3.5, has been placed in an "inactive congregation" category maintained by the Association but shall do so only after consultation with:

- (a) the congregation in question, whenever possible; and
- (b) the President of the district **or region** in which the congregation is located or such other authorized official as the district **or region** designates in writing to the Association.

Section C-13.1. Districts and Regions.

The Association shall support areas of geographic responsibility known as districts **or regions**.

Section C-13.2. Establishment.

The establishment of districts **or regions** and the manner of determining which congregations are included in each district **or region** shall be in accordance with rules adopted by the General Assembly.

Section C-13.4 Autonomy.

Each district **or region** shall be autonomous and shall be controlled by its own member congregations to the extent consistent with the promotion of the welfare and interests of the Association as a whole and of its member congregations.

Rule G-13.2.1 Establishing Districts.

- (a) ~~There shall be~~ districts [~~shall be nineteen in number and~~] named Ballou Channing, [**Central Midwest,**] Clara Barton, Florida, [**Heartland,**] Joseph Priestley, Massachusetts Bay, Metropolitan New York, **MidAmerica**, Mountain Desert, Mid-South, Northern New England, Ohio Meadville, Pacific Central, Pacific Northwest, Pacific Southwest, [**Prairie Star,**] St. Lawrence, Southeast, and Southwestern.

- (b) **Transition Provision. The amendments to Rule G-13.2.1 deleting the Central Midwest, Heartland, and Prairie Star districts, shall not become effective until those Districts dissolve. This transition provision shall automatically be deleted from the bylaws following the first regular General Assembly occurring after all of those districts have dissolved.**