

# FACT CHECK

Heritage Alliance says:	The Fact:	Source:
The proposed bylaw is a “No Faith” amendment.	Amendment requires prospective members to commit to active support of BV’s Christian values and traditions.	<a href="#">Text of proposed amendment is clear.</a>
Passage of this amendment would endanger our religious tax exemption.	BV is firmly an affiliate of United Methodist Church. Change in membership rules will have no effect.	<a href="#">Official United Methodist letter to BOT</a> says continued tax-exempt status does not depend on membership rules.
Lancaster Campgrounds was devastated when they eliminated their Christian requirement.	Lancaster was devastated when they were found guilty of violating Fair Housing Laws, which drained their finances and led to a severe decline in member contributions. Proposed bylaw change would keep this from happening in Bay View.	<a href="#">Trustee Stan Sutton</a> and former Director of Religious Life, Ned DeWire, were personally involved as official representatives of the United Methodist Church.
Special committee on Membership reached no consensus for any change.	Special committee reached a consensus and voted to approve the plan. Heritage members reneged on the committee decision after the meeting was adjourned	<a href="#">Heritage members reneged on agreement.</a> See page 7 of Committee Report.
Bishop Emerson Colaw quoted as if he opposes a change in membership rules.	Bishop Colaw endorses the inclusiveness movement.	<a href="#">See endorsement.</a> The overwhelming majority of Bay View clergy support this amendment.
Becket Fund says BV would likely win a Federal Fair Housing lawsuit and Becket would defend Bay View.	Legal opinions by BV lawyers conclude that Bay View is likely violating the Federal Fair Housing Act and is exposed to legal liability and significant costs like Lancaster Campground.	<a href="#">Plunkett-Cooney 2012</a> <a href="#">Arthur Anderson 2013</a> There is no written confirmation that Becket would defend BV.
If we adopt the proposed membership bylaw amendment, non-Christians will take over Bay View.	Founded in 1875, Lakeside (Ohio), a Methodist-affiliated Chautauqua, like Bay View, has <i>never</i> had religious restrictions, yet, cottage ownership remains 98.6% Christian.	Lakeside Realtor, confirmed by Lakeside <a href="#">Executive Director.</a>

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