

APPLICATION FOR REINSTATEMENT OF INDIVIDUALS
INTO MEMBERSHIP OF THE LUTHERAN CHURCH—MISSOURI SYNOD

Ordained Minister _____ Commissioned Minister _____

Name: _____

Name when rostered status terminated: _____

Address _____ City/State/Zipcode: _____

Telephone: _____ E-mail address: _____

District: _____

(Must originate in District where membership was held when termination occurred.)

District President's Name: _____ Rev. Dr. John C. Wille

District President's Address: _____ 8100 W. Capitol Dr., Milwaukee, WI 53222

LCMS Congregation in which applicant currently holds communicant membership: _____

Applicant's Pastor: _____

School and year of graduation (Colloquy): _____

Last place of service: _____

Date of termination of membership: _____

Date of this application: _____

Reason for termination: _____

Reason(s) for requesting reinstatement* _____

Number of times application has requested reinstatement, including this one: _____

Applicant's Signature _____ Date: _____

*Personal appearances before the Council are not granted. However, any written statement prepared by the applicant on his/her own behalf will be shared with the Council of Presidents if sufficient copies are provided for distribution.

Reinstatement of Individuals into Membership

2.18.1 Any person who at any time has held membership in the Synod but has resigned that membership, or whose membership in the Synod has been terminated, is eligible to seek reinstatement into membership. However, there is no inherent right to membership in the Synod, and the decision as to whether to accept or deny a request for reinstatement shall be at the sole discretion of the Council of Presidents.

(b) The president of the district shall review the matter and shall ordinarily make a recommendation to the Council of Presidents but may be excused by the council from making such a recommendation where circumstances warrant.

(c) A decision to reinstate shall require an affirmative vote of at least 75 percent of the Council of Presidents present and voting, and shall be by written ballot.

Applications

2.18.2 Procedures for investigating and processing requests for reinstatement shall be the responsibility of the Council of Presidents.

(d) If the applicant is reinstated, the district president shall publish this fact in an official periodical of the Synod.

(a) All applications by individuals for reinstatement into membership in the Synod shall be addressed to the president of the district in which the applicant last held membership.

(e) A decision not to reinstate shall be unappealable, but the individual may reapply for reinstatement three or more years after his or her last preceding application has been denied.

EVALUATION BY DISTRICT PRESIDENT

Having received the applicant's request for reinstatement to the _____ roster, the required background checks have been completed: _____ Yes _____ No. Is there anything in the background check that might cause concern or which should be considered by the Reinstatement Panel? _____ Yes _____ No

Note: District President needs to complete either Section I or Section II, then Section III below.

Section I

I hereby recommend that _____

be reinstated _____ or not reinstated _____ for the following reason(s)*: _____

Notations _____

(Include such information as the status the applicant will have (e.g. Candidate, Non-Candidate Emeritus), the District to which he/she may be transferring, immediate availability, etc.)

OR

Section II

_____ I request the Council to excuse me from making a recommendation.

*District Presidents are not obligated to disclose to the applicant whether he has recommended for or against reinstatement, or the reasons therefore. If, however, a District President chooses to do so, he is encouraged to have the applicant sign here to acknowledge that disclosure has been made.

Applicant's Signature

Date

Section III

Signature of District President: _____

Date: _____

Date of COP meeting in which application is presented: _____

Forward the request for reinstatement and evaluation to the Secretary of the Synod, who provides staff services for the Council of Presidents, no later than two weeks prior to the Council meeting in which the request is to be considered.