

APPLICATION FOR INACTIVE STATUS

SECTION ONE (Please supply the following information.)

Name _____ Date of this Application _____
First Middle Last

Home Address _____
Street City State Zipcode

Home Telephone _____ E-mail Address _____

Last active roster position held _____
Pastor/Teacher/DCE/DCO, etc.

Location _____
Church/School City/State

Concluding date of last active roster position held _____

Present congregational membership _____
Name City/State

Are you a member in good standing in the congregation listed above?* _____ Yes _____ No

(* as determined by the congregation where you hold membership)

SECTION TWO (Please answer the following questions if you are applying for Candidate Status.)

1. _____ Yes _____ No Do you have any health problems that would keep you from performing the duties of a ordained/commissioned minister?
2. _____ Yes _____ No If the answer to question 1 is "yes," are these health problems expected to be lifelong?
3. Indicate below the extent of your current involvement on a part-time and assisting basis in your respective ministry.

Ordained Ministers

_____ Pulpit supply
_____ Worship leading
_____ Distribution of Holy Communion
_____ Bible Class teaching
_____ Pastoral visitation
_____ Other (specify) _____

Commissioned Ministers

_____ Teach Part-time
_____ Substitute teach
_____ Youth work
_____ Teach Sunday School
_____ Committee work
_____ Other (specify) _____

4. _____ Yes _____ No Are you able and willing to consider a Call at this time?

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SECTION THREE:

Inactive members are advisory members of the Synod. As such, they have all the rights, privileges, and responsibilities of advisory membership in the Synod as defined in the Constitution and Bylaws of the Synod, including attending all official conferences (Bylaw 4.8). To remain on the roster of the Synod as an "inactive member," an ordained or commissioned minister of religion must be a communicant member in good standing of a congregation which is a member of the Synod and must qualify and make application for one of the following categories: "emeritus member," "candidate member," or "non-candidate member."

A member may also choose to resign from the roster with the right of applying for reinstatement to the roster at a future date.

I hereby request the following status:

Emeritus Status (Bylaw 2.11.2.1)

An "emeritus" member is one whose membership is held for retention on the roster upon retirement after reaching the age of 55 or for reasons of total and permanent disability.

Candidate Status (Bylaw 2.11.2.2)

A "candidate" member is one who is eligible to perform the duties of any of the offices of ministry as specified in Bylaw section 2.11 but who is not currently an active member or an emeritus member. A candidate may be continued on the roster for a period not to exceed four years by act of the president of the district through which the person holds membership. The candidate shall, by January 31, make an annual report to the district president who shall evaluate the member's eligibility for remaining on candidate status. The candidate's report shall include current contact information and address the criteria for remaining on candidate status. Among criteria for determining whether candidate status should be granted or continued are: 1) the health of the applicant; 2) a spirit of cooperation in any efforts to address any unresolved issues involving fitness for ministry; 3) the extent of current involvement on a part-time and assisting basis in his/her respective ministry; and 4) a demonstrated willingness to consider a call or appointment to any of the offices of ministry specified in Bylaw 2.11.

(Please note: Those applying for Candidate Status must be able and willing to consider a Call.)

Non-Candidate Status (Bylaw 2.11.2.3)

A "non-candidate" member is one who is eligible to perform the duties of any of the offices of ministry specified in Bylaw section 2.11 but who is not currently an active member or an emeritus member and who chooses not to be a candidate member. The member may be continued on the roster for a period of up to eight years by act of the president of the district through which the member holds membership. The non-candidate shall, by January 31, make an annual report to the district president who shall evaluate the member's eligibility for remaining on non-candidate status. The non-candidate's report shall include current contact information and the member's efforts to fulfill the responsibilities of an advisory member of the Synod. Non-candidate members are eligible to serve in ministry situations upon approval of their district presidents and according to the guidelines established by the Council of Presidents. The Council of Presidents may grant an extension of non-candidate status for a second period of up to eight years upon request of the appropriate district president.

(Please note: Those applying for Non-Candidate Status are those who are not able or willing to consider a Call.)

Resign from the Roster

(Any person who at any time has held individual 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. 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.)

Signature _____

Date _____