APPLICATION FOR INACTIVE STATUS

SECTION ONE (Please supply the following information.)

District ID No. _____

☐ **Ordained Minister**   ☐ **Commissioned Minister**

Name _____ _____ _____   **Date of this Application** _____
         First   Middle   Last

Home Address _____ _____ ____ _____
                                    Street   City   State   Zipcode

Home Telephone _____   **Cell Phone No.** _____

E-mail Address _____

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

Location _____ _____
                        Church/School   City/State

Concluding date (month, day, year) 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 <u>Candidate Status</u>.)

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	Commissioned Ministers
☐ Pulpit supply	☐ Teach Part-time
☐ Worship leading	☐ Substitute teach
☐ Distribution of Holy Communion	☐ Youth work
☐ Bible Class teaching	☐ Teach Sunday School
☐ Pastoral visitation	☐ Committee work
☐ Other (specify)	☐ Other (specify)

4. **Please explain any limitations on your ability to consider a call.**

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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. 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 or 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. The emeritus member or a representative identified by his district president shall, by January 31, make an annual report to the member's district president. This report shall include current contact information and address the criteria for remaining an inactive member of the Synod.

☐ **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 ten years by act of the president of the district through which the person holds membership. A candidate may be further continued on the roster for a period not to exceed five additional years upon recommendation of the applicant's district president and approval of three fourths (75%) of the Council of Presidents. 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 section 2.11.

(Please note: Those applying for Candidate Status must update their PIF, SET, CMIF and ECS forms, as needed, to note any limitations on their ability to consider a call.)

Signature _____ **Date** _____