

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 \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

District: \_\_\_\_\_

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

District President's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

District President's Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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.

2.81 Eligibility of Reinstatement

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. 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.

2.83 Procedure

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. Procedures for investigating and processing

requests for reinstatement which are generally applicable to all situations shall be the responsibility of the Council of Presidents. 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 for making such a recommendation where circumstances warrant. A decision to reinstate shall require an affirmative vote of at least 75% of the District Presidents present and voting, and shall be by written ballot. If the applicant is reinstated, the District President shall publish this fact in an official periodical of the Synod. 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,

I hereby recommend that \_\_\_\_\_

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

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Notations \_\_\_\_\_

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(Include such information as the status applicant will have, such as, CANDIDATE, PASTOR, DISTRICT to which he/she may be transferring, immediate availability, etc.)

**OR**

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

Signature of District President: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of COP meeting in which application is presented: \_\_\_\_\_

\*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.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Applicant's Signature

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.