

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

Ordained Minister \_\_\_\_\_ Commissioned Minister \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Name when rostered status terminated: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ 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.

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.

(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.

(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.