

NOTICE OF INTENT TO WITHDRAW

Illinois Great Rivers Conference UMC

Name:

Address:

Phone: (____) _____ - _____

Email address: _____

Current Appointment: _____ Current District: _____

Current Status: Full Connection Elder Full Connection Deacon

Provisional Elder Provisional Deacon

Associate Member Local Pastor

Year of Ordination: _____

Effective Date of Withdrawal: _____

<p style="text-align: center;">Statements of Agreement <i>(Please initial each statement)</i></p>
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After prayerful thought and discernment, I have decided that I wish to withdraw from the Ordained Ministerial Office in The United Methodist Church.

___ I have researched and understand the implications and impact of this decision on my health insurance (and that of my family), death and disability insurance and my pension.

___ I understand that in withdrawing, this action will rescind my membership in the Illinois Great Rivers Annual Conference and that I will no longer be a member of the annual conference or a credentialed clergy person in The United Methodist Church.

___ I understand that conference membership was granted to me by the clergy session and that I will be required to surrender my Certificate of Conference Membership. *Clergy who do not have a Clergy Membership Form in their possession will need to submit a notarized copy of the **Substitute Annual Conference Membership Form**.*

___ I understand that ordination was a gift of the church and a working of the Holy Spirit in my life. While no longer an ordained member of the Illinois Great Rivers Annual Conference, I still maintain ordination. However, I cannot be considered an ordained United Methodist Clergy member of The Illinois Great Rivers Conference. Therefore, I will surrender my Certificate(s) of Ordination as a condition of this withdrawal. *Clergy who became certified candidates for elder*

ordination prior to 1/1/1997 were issued two ordination certificates: one for ordination as a Deacon and a second when ordained as Elders. Both ordination certificates shall be surrendered.

____ I understand that upon completion and submission of all required documents and, assuming I am in good standing with the Illinois Great Rivers Conference, that I will be given a letter upon request to the Bishop's Office indicating that I was, at the time of my withdrawal, an ordained member in good standing of the annual conference.

____ I understand that I may no longer refer to myself as a United Methodist minister as of the effective date of my withdrawal.

____ I understand that this is not a simple reversible process, but that I would have to reapply to serve in Illinois Great Rivers under the provisions of The Book of Discipline in place at the time I might seek to re-enter the annual conference.

Signature:

Having read and understood the above items, I formally declare my desire to withdraw from the Illinois Great Rivers Conference.

Signature

Printed name

Date

District Superintendent Section:

Signature:

Having conversed with and received this application from the above-named pastor, I now pass the required documents to the Annual Conference Secretary for the processing of this withdrawal effective as of the date indicated above.

DS Signature

Printed name

Date

DISTRICT OFFICE - Document forwarding:

- Notification of Intent to Withdraw Form to Episcopal and Ministerial Services Administrator
- Membership Certificates to Bishop's Office:
 - Certificate of Conference Membership or
 - Substitute Annual Conference Membership Form
- Ordination Certificate(s) to the Bishop's Office:
 - Certificate(s) of Ordination or
 - Substitute Ordination Certificate Form
- Personnel/Supervisory files (after effective date) for deposit in the Bishop's Office (hard copy paper files)

End of District Superintendent Section