



# Indiana-Kentucky Synod

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## REPORT FOR RETIRED ROSTERED MINISTER

Only the Bishop reviews these reports and will consult with you before sharing their contents to decide if sharing is appropriate. This demonstrates the value of our relationship and our dedication to supporting you in your ministry.

## Personal Information:

First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone/Cell number: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Ordination Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Retirement Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Life in Retirement:** These questions are a gentle pastoral check-in, helping the Bishop understand how you are doing in this season of retirement and to see a fuller picture of your life beyond formal ministry.

1. Who are some of the key people, pets, or communities in your life in retirement, and how do they shape your daily life?
2. What does a typical day or week in retirement look like for you—especially in terms of family and friendships, hobbies and interests, pets, and any involvement in your community or congregation?
3. In what ways do your current relationships and activities in retirement support you spiritually or emotionally, and how do they express your ongoing sense of call or ministry?

4. How do you navigate the balance between your ongoing sense of call and your personal retirement life?
  - a. Are there particular kinds of support (spiritual, practical, or relational) that would be helpful to you in this season?
5. Support in Times of Difficulty When you experience personal difficulty or an emergency, who or what do you most often lean on for support (for example: family, friends, congregation, colleagues, spiritual director, therapist, community resources, prayer practices, etc.)?
6. How are you currently connected to a congregation, and in the past year how have you found yourself offering pastoral ministry or care (formal or informal)? What kinds of ministry or service feel most life-giving to you now, and what events or developments over the past year have especially shaped you?
7. Drawing on your experience in ministry and retirement, what insights or wisdom about the life of the church would you offer for the Bishop and synod's discernment?

- a. What kinds of support or relationship with the Bishop and Synod would be most meaningful to you, and
  
- b. What concerns, prayers, or hopes would you like to share—for yourself, for retired pastors more broadly, and for the mission and future of the church?

**Follow-Up and Timing:** To help me respond in a timely and appropriate way, please indicate the following:

1. Would you like to schedule a one-on-one conversation with the Bishop (phone, Zoom, or in person)? YES  NO
2. Is this urgent and needs attention within a week of receipt? YES  NO
3. If not urgent, when would you hope for follow-up?
  - a. Within 30 days? YES  NO
  - b. Within one to three months? YES  NO

***Thank you for taking the time to share. Your reflections are a gift to the Bishop and to the life of our synod.***

**EXTRA SPACE IF NEEDED - PLEASE REFERENCE QUESTION NUMBER**