



THE CALVIN SYNOD

CONFERENCE OF THE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

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TO Non-pastor Ministers having standing in Synod
IN RE Retaining Ministerial Standing

Dear Colleague in Christ:

According to the constitutional provisions of the United Church of Christ a minister under 65 years of age who withdraws from active full-time service in the ministry may apply for leave of absence on an annual basis up to five years after which the minister's standing may be revoked without prejudice.

A minister retiring from active service by reason of age or disability, retains his ministerial standing indefinitely, but Synod requires that such persons, too, should indicate clearly their desire to retain ministerial standing in our Synod.

Regardless which category you belong to, may I ask you to submit a brief report on (a) your present address, (b) your term of ministry in 1975 or, in case of retirement, what were some of the important events in your life during 1975; (c) your reason and desire to retain your ministerial standing in The Calvin Synod.

Dual-standing ministers are asked to add only the name of conference/association or denomination in which they have regular standing.

I would appreciate if you would submit your report not later than April 20, 1976.

Yours in His service,

John Butosi
Bishop John Butosi

P.S. I am sure you know that our Annual Meeting is going to be held on May 10-13 at Wesley Theo. Seminary, 4400 Massachusetts Ave., N.W., Washington D.C. - Room & Board Reservation (\$12.00 per day per person) must be in the Bishop's Office BEFORE APRIL 15, 1976. Meeting starts at 2 P.M. on May 10. You are most welcome, but please make reservation NOW as we expect full house!