

**PARISH MINISTRY ASSOCIATE PROGRAM**  
**Application for Reinstatement or Transfer**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Date Originally Certified for Lay Ministry \_\_\_\_\_

Denomination/District \_\_\_\_\_

Please check the one box that applies to you and this application:

- I was a certified PMA in Nebraska Synod and am applying for **reinstatement**.
- I am a PMA (Synodically Authorized Minister) in **another ELCA synod**, have joined a Nebraska Synod congregation, and wish to be recognized as a certified PMA in Nebraska Synod.
- I am a certified lay minister of a denomination in **Full Communion** with the ELCA, have joined a Nebraska Synod congregation, and wish to be recognized as a certified PMA in Nebraska Synod.

Please submit the following items so that your application can be considered by the PMA Steering Committee:

**REINSTATEMENT:**

- a) The entire PMA Application Packet, and the application fee. In the spiritual autobiography, please share your discernment on why you would like to return to active PMA status and how you are interested in serving.
- b) From the Certified PMA Handbook, the signature page saying that you have reviewed and accept the handbook.
- c) The annual Data Sheet.

**ANOTHER ELCA SYNOD:**

- a) The entire PMA Application Packet, and the application fee. If possible, include your original spiritual autobiography and provide a brief update.
- b) A letter from your former synod confirming that you were in good standing with that synod as a PMA/SAM.
- c) A copy of the academic record of your studies in your former synod.
- d) From the Certified PMA Handbook, the signature page saying that you have reviewed and accept the handbook.

**FULL COMMUNION PARTNERS:**

- a) The entire PMA Application Packet, and the application fee.
- b) A letter from your former denomination/district confirming that you were in good standing with them as a lay minister.
- c) A copy of the academic record of your studies in your former denomination, out of which a learning plan to meet our Lutheran-specific and other academic requirements is developed. While working your learning plan you are expected to meet monthly with your mentor and a PMA Steering Committee member will follow up with you regarding your integration into Nebraska Synod and PMA life. The time limit for learning plans is one

year for only Lutheran-specific courses, and two-years if there are additional courses to take. You may be asked for samples of your coursework so that the Steering Committee can determine course equivalencies.

d) From the PMA Student Handbook, the signature page saying that you have reviewed and accept the handbook.

Please send all documents and your application fee (payable to Nebraska Synod ELCA) to:

PMA Office  
Nebraska Synod, ELCA  
PO Box 1462  
North Platte, NE 69103-1462

For questions and assistance, please contact:

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**THANK YOU FOR YOUR INTEREST IN SERVING CHRIST'S CHURCH  
AS A PARISH MINISTRY ASSOCIATE OF THE NEBRASKA SYNOD, ELCA!**