



Pacific Southwest District of the Church of the Brethren

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DISTRICT MINISTRY COMMISSION MEMO

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To: PSWD Retired Ministers
From: Joe Detrick, Interim District Executive
On Behalf of: District Ministry Commission
Subject: 2014 Ethics Training Requirement
Date: July 16, 2014

Mary Jo Flory-Steury, Director of Ministry for Church of the Brethren, has recently communicated with the Council of District Executives regarding the expectation of retired ministers participating in the upcoming denominational Ethics Training Events - a part of the five-year Ordination Review scheduled for 2015.

On behalf of the District Ministry Commission (DMC), I am passing this information on to our retired ministers with notations from the PSWD DMC. Here are the edited comments from the Church of the Brethren Ministry Office:

Retirees (category #9) are expected to participate in both the ethics training and ordination review. We agree that:

- *Those ordained ministers who are totally inactive in ministry due to age, illness, infirmed, etc., may be exempt from both the ethics training and the ordination review with the exception of the congregational form for the review process.*
- *The District Ministry Commission, in consultation with the District Executive, should make the decision of who fits the "inactive" status as we defined it above. Individual ministers may ask to be "exempt" but it is up to the Ministry Commission to make the final decision.*
- *"Active" retirees will have a shortened form to complete for the ordination review.*

The Ministry Commission of PSWD is inviting each of our retired ministers to "self-declare" whether or not you are *active* or *inactive* as retirees. The DMC deems as active all retired ministers participating in the following:

- Those active in or available for Interim Ministry assignments
- Those serving in local church leadership positions
- Those engaged in teaching ministries at any level
- Those involved in wider church ministries - district, national, or ecumenical
- Those holding part-time volunteer ministerial positions at any level

All retirees falling into one of the above noted areas are expected to participate in the mandatory denominational Ethics Training being conducted in PSWD or a nearby district. (See the enclosed schedule of training opportunities.) At a later time, we will inquire about who is attending which event in order to make accommodations for lunch and for ordering the training manuals.

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Retired ministers not in one of the above categories and seeking exemption for the Ethics Training, have three options to file their *Request for Ethics Exemption*:

1. Email a *Request for Ethics Exemption* to: Joe Vecchio at: frontdesk@pswdcob.org
2. Mail a *Request Note* with the nature of your request to the District Office (see address in letterhead)
3. Call the District Office at: 909-392-4049. If you leave a message, be sure to clearly state your name, telephone number, and the reason for your request.

All requests must be received by: **September 2, 2014**

Final Note: In an effort to provide the highest quality ministerial excellence to all whom we serve, the District Ministry Commission strongly encourages all who are involved in ministry of any sort and able to participate to plan to attend in this training.

Yours for God's best . . .

Joe Detrick

Enclosures: Request for an Ethics Training Exemption Form
Ethics Training Flyer

DISTRICT MINISTRY COMMISSION

Request for an Ethics Training Exemption

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Return to: PSWD Ministry Commission, PO Box 219, La Verne CA 91750-0219

or email to, frontdesk@pswdcob.org

Deadline: All requests must be received by: **September 2, 2014**

Name: _____ Birthdate: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____ Email: _____

Congregation: _____ Pastor: _____

Reason for Exemption:

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District Ministry Commission Action: _____

Ord. Id# _____

Action Date: _____

Commission Chair: _____