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The Reverend Michael Newman, President
Texas District – LCMS
7900 E. Highway 290
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Dear President Newman:

Grace, mercy, and peace be to you from Jesus Christ, the Lord of Church and Ministry!

After serving as a pastor in the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod for 36 years, I do hereby ask you to remove my name from the clergy roster.

I regret that this will be reported in the Synod's official organs as a resignation for I am not resigning from a Call but staying with my flock, and that's what a shepherd is to do.

I appreciate your offer to classify me as emeritus and give me permission to serve a non-synodical congregation. But we both know that is not the way of integrity for either of us. I am not retiring from Word and Sacrament ministry, and you know I would continue to believe, teach, and confess against doctrines and practices officially accepted by the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod.

For virtually all my ministry, I have protested, resolved, written, preached, pleaded, and warned people, pastors, conferences and conventions, yet I have watched open Communion, syncretism, unionism, feminism, and now the LGBTQ issues go unacknowledged, undisciplined, and by default accepted. I cannot remain in altar and pulpit fellowship with such errors and errorists without endangering my own soul.

Your road is uphill President Newman and may God give you His grace and courage for these times. What St. Augustine said to those outside of his fellowship I say to you: You will only cease to be my brother when you no longer say the Our Father.

Yours in Christ,

Rev. Paul R. Harris, Pastor
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Verbum Domini Manet in Aeternum