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### FILLING IN THE FORM

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LWL & SAM Application Information

Out of care for the well-being of the people of God in the Southern Ohio Synod, we ask the following questions of all who seek to serve as Lay Worship Leaders or Synod Authorized Ministers. This information will be filed in a secure location in the synod office.

- 1. Yes No Before you respond to this question, make sure you are familiar with the document "Definitions and Guidelines for Discipline." Do you intend to live in accordance with its standards of conduct as a LWL or SAM of the Southern Ohio Synod?
2. Yes No Are there issues in your family situation or personal life that could adversely affect your ability to serve as a LWL or SAM of the Southern Ohio Synod? If so, please explain on the back of this form or a separate sheet.
3. Yes No Have you ever defaulted on a loan or declared bankruptcy? If so, please explain on the back of this form or a separate sheet.
4. Yes No Do you now engage or have you ever engaged in addictive behavior, including drug or alcohol abuse or sexual, pornographic or gambling addictions? If so, please explain on the back of this form or a separate sheet.
5. Yes No Have you ever been terminated or resigned from a job or volunteer position as a result of accusations made against you for financial, sexual, ethical or other improper behavior? If so, please explain what happened on the back of this form or a separate sheet.
6. Yes No Have you ever engaged in, been accused of, charged with or convicted of a crime or illegal conduct, including conduct resulting in suspension or revocation of your driver's license? If so, please explain on the back of this form or a separate sheet.
7. Yes No Have you ever been engaged in, accused of, sued or charged with sexual molestation, sexual harassment, child neglect or abuse, spousal abuse or neglect or financial improprieties? If so, please explain on the back of this form or a separate sheet.
8. Yes No Do you have a history of pedophilia or a sexual attraction toward children or minors?
9. Yes No Have you engaged in any behavior or been involved in any situations that, if they became known by the church, might seriously damage your ability to serve as a SAM? If so, please explain on the back of this form or another sheet.
10. Yes No Is there additional information that the Synod Office needs to know, should you be recognized as a LWL or SAM in the future? If so, please explain on the back of this form or a separate sheet.

Student Name Student Signature Date

Received by Bishop or designee Date