



# Upstate New York Synod

## Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

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### PASTOR EMERITUS POLICY

Congregations may bestow the title of Pastor Emeritus upon any retired pastor who has served them.

The Pastor Emeritus title is bestowed in recognition of good solid pastoral service and leadership to the congregation.

The Pastor Emeritus may be listed:

- on the congregation's letterhead
- on the weekly bulletin heading
- in the congregational newsletter

Pastor Emeritus is an honorary position.

It involves:

- no remuneration of the pastor
- no expectations of service from the pastor
- no office space is granted to the pastor
- no mail is received at the church

The decision to bestow the title of Pastor Emeritus may be made by either the Church Council or at a Congregational Meeting. In either case it requires a simple majority vote.

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