



MINNEAPOLIS (AP) Minnesota churches are deciding whether or not to perform gay marriage ceremonies with Minnesota's law about to change. Gay marriage becomes legal August 1. One United Methodist minister with a long history on the issue won't be able to perform gay weddings.

Roger Lynn is a retired Methodist pastor who lives north of Brainerd. In 1971, he performed a wedding ceremony for two Minneapolis men whose legal fight to get married was among the nation's first. But after his actions were publicized, the United Methodist Church defined marriage as between a man and woman only.

That church rule still stands today. Lynn says he's disappointed he won't be able to perform any more gay weddings, but doesn't want to risk his pension.