

**SAMPLE RESOLUTION:
ESTABLISHING A CONGREGATION'S CALL PROCESS**

- Whereas, (Name of congregation) is now without the ministry of a resident pastor and/or desires to Call another; and
- Whereas, the procedures for Calling a pastor should conform to Scriptural guidelines, should derive from the good experience of other congregations and should become a process that unites us as a congregation; therefore be it
- Resolved, that as a congregation, we follow in general the process suggested in the document, "Calling a Pastor," as presented to us by the President of the Texas District of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod; be it further
- Resolved, that we encourage individual members of the congregation to nominate for consideration qualified pastors of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod who appear to possess the skills, abilities, qualifications and experiences needed by our congregation; be it further
- Resolved, that we publish the list of names so received and forward the names to the President of the Texas District, along with a statement of our expectations for the ministry of a pastor among us; be it further
- Resolved, that we request the District President to review the names submitted by our congregation and to respond from that list and from other names known to him with a list of candidates for our adoption as the official Call List; be it further
- Resolved, that we urge our Call Committee to share with each member of the congregation as much pertinent information on each candidate as possible; and be it finally
- Resolved, that we invite Circuit Visitor (Name) to conduct a Call Service, during which time, in the setting of appropriate readings, hymns and prayers, we elect, according to the procedures of our Constitution and Bylaws, an individual to serve as pastor of this congregation.