

## APPENDIX A

### 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 Counselor (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.