

## APPENDIX D

### SPECIAL NOTE TO FINANCIALLY ASSISTED CONGREGATIONS

This special note is for congregations receiving financial assistance from the Board of Mission Administration (BMA)

The BMA is responsible to the District to provide financial support for new congregations, for specialized and high service ministries, and for beginning new work in areas in which our Church currently is not exercising a witness to our Lord and Savior. In order to fulfill this responsibility, the BMA has very carefully appropriated the funds made available to it. The BMA has adopted operating policies regarding the amount of support and when that support will stop. In this way, it is hoped that more funds will be made available to establish new congregations and to explore new mission endeavors.

The BMA affirms the right of every chartered congregation to extend a Call to the pastor who seems best qualified to fulfill its needs. The BMA does not wish to interfere in any way with the exercise of the right of the individual congregation. In exercising its overall responsibility to the congregations of the Texas District, the BMA needs to be consulted early on in the process. The Area MMF will usually work very closely with financially assisted congregations to help them in selecting an appropriate mission-minded pastor who will be able to guide the congregation in becoming self-sufficient and healthy. If the financially assisted congregation is not chartered, the BMA will have to issue the Call. This is one reason to work closely with your MMF who will bring the request to the BMA.

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