

Appendix C

Sample Resolution to Establish a Call Process

ESTABLISHING A CONGREGATION'S CALL PROCESS

- Whereas, (Name of Congregation) is now without the ministry of a resident pastor and desires to call another; and
- Whereas, The procedures for calling a pastor should derive from the excellent experience of other congregations and 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 "The Michigan District Call Manual" as explained to us by the District President, Congregational Mission and Ministry Facilitator, Regional Vice President, or Circuit Visitor of the Michigan District; and be it further
- Resolved, That we encourage individual congregation members to nominate pastors for consideration; and be it further
- Resolved, That we forward the names to the President of the Michigan District along with a Congregational and Pastoral Profile and statement of our expectations for the ministry of a pastor among us, and be it further
- Resolved, That we request the District President to review the names submitted by us and respond from that list and other names known to him with a list of candidates for adoption by us as the official list of candidates, and 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 Scripture readings, hymns, praise songs, and prayers, we elect according to the procedures of our Constitution and Bylaws an individual to serve as pastor of this congregation.