

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 good experience of other congregations and become a process which unites us as a congregation; therefore be it
- Resolved, that as a congregation we follow in general the process suggested in the document "So You Want to Call a Pastor" as explained to us by the DISTRICT PRESIDENT OR REGIONAL VICE PRESIDENT OR CIRCUIT VISITOR of the Pacific Southwest District; and be it further
- Resolved, that we encourage individual members of the congregation to nominate pastors for consideration; and be it further
- Resolved, that we forward the names to the President of the Pacific Southwest 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 from 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.