

Our Savior Lutheran Church 2023
Congregational Call Resolution

Whereas Our Savior Lutheran Church (OSLC) is now without the ministry of a Senior Pastor and we need a shepherd to faithfully and joyfully lead our flock and the church and Open Arms staff; preach and teach the Word; administer the Sacraments; marry and counsel; visit the sick and lay to rest; guide and pray for us; and

Whereas we desire to Call such a pastor and the Bylaws of Our Savior Lutheran Church require The Call Committee to submit a resolution to the OSLC congregation to guide the OSLC Call process for filling the Senior Pastor vacancy; and

Whereas the procedures for Calling a pastor should conform to Scriptural guidelines, should derive from the good experiences of other Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod (LCMS) congregations and should become a process that unites us as a congregation; therefore be it

Resolved that as a congregation, we follow the process suggested in the document, "The Vacancy Journey," as presented to us by the President of the Southeastern District (SED) of the LCMS; be it further

Resolved that we encourage individual members of the OSLC congregation to nominate Pastoral candidates in good standing in the LCMS to the OSLC Call Committee for consideration; be it further

Resolved that we publish the list of names received to the OSLC Congregation and forward the names to the SED President, along with a Congregational Profile, (including the Self-Evaluation Tool (SET), Demographics, Financial Information and Missional Information) and statement of our expectations for the ministry of a Senior Pastor among us; be it further

Resolved that we request the SED President 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 our Call Committee make available to the congregation as much information on each candidate as possible; be it further

Resolved that the Call Committee do a second round of interviews, followed by a congregational forum to discuss the candidates, be it further

Resolved that the top candidates may be invited for a visit prior to the Call Service to meet with congregational leaders; tour the facility and community; and have a reception with the congregation; finally be it

Resolved that we invite our Circuit Visitor, or his designated representative, 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 and of this OSLC 2023 Congregational Call Process Resolution, an individual to serve as Senior Pastor of this congregation.