

Floor Committee #2: Conference of Presidents

Subject: Memorial (2021-02)

Reference: *Book of Reports and Memorials*, p. 179

Resolution No. 03

WHEREAS 1) the doctrine of the call is clearly presented in the Bible and puts the primary focus on the Holy Spirit calling through the church; and

WHEREAS 2) the call process itself is a matter of Christian freedom; and

WHEREAS 3) the Conference of Presidents regularly re-evaluates the call process in response to questions, challenges, and suggestions from members and calling bodies; and

WHEREAS 4) the majority of our members have not taken part in a call meeting nor received the education that typically precedes one; and

WHEREAS 5) reasonable variety in practice can lead to confusion and frustration when not explained; and

WHEREAS 6) the means by which the Spirit provides us with called workers is a source of comfort and thanksgiving when properly understood; therefore be it

Resolved, a) that we encourage the Conference of Presidents to oversee production of a Bible study on the divine call to be made available to our congregations and schools; and be it further

Resolved, b) that we encourage the Conference of Presidents to oversee the writing of a series of educational articles (for *Forward in Christ*) explaining the scriptural basis for the divine call and the practical concerns that shape our current practice; and be it finally

Resolved, c) that we encourage the Conference of Presidents to create an organized way to receive congregational feedback for the Conference of Presidents regarding the call process.

Pastor Nathan Sutton, chairman

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ADOPTED