



**Resolution 2018-05-03**

**Subject: Resolution encouraging recruitment for the pastoral ministry.**

**Reference: RttD, pp. 26**

WHEREAS 1) the WELS has a historic dedication to the training and recruitment of pastors;  
and

WHEREAS 2) the current number of pastoral vacancies has been identified as a cause of  
concern; and

WHEREAS 3) the synod desires to keep the vacancy rate under 10%; and

WHEREAS 4) the current graduating classes of WLS are too small to meet the needs and  
stated outreach goals of our synod; and

WHEREAS 5) the number of vacancies will only increase in the foreseeable future, be it

Resolved, a) that a synod wide effort, starting with the local congregation, parochial  
school, congregational teachers, staff ministers and parish pastors, be made to  
identify and encourage young men for the pastoral ministry, and be it further

Resolved, b) that the parents of young men suitable for the ministry be educated about the  
blessings and opportunities that come with the pastoral ministry, and be it  
further

Resolved, c) That the congregation, in conjunction with Martin Luther College and  
Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary, make an effort to bring young men to visit  
these campuses during their grade school and high school years, and be it  
further

Resolved, d) area Lutheran High Schools identify, encourage and shepherd young men for  
the ministry through personal encouragement, and be it finally

Resolved, e) That the synodical prep schools continue their important work of encouraging  
for the pastoral ministry.

Respectfully submitted,

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Pastor James Winterstein, Presenter

**The Resolution was Adopted**