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## **2016 Churchwide Assembly Report of the Reference and Counsel Committee**

**Friday, August 12, 2016 8:35 AM**

### **Motion F**

#### **Resolution on Call Process**

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Whereas an effective call process requires many stakeholders working together to accomplish an effective and healthy transition.

Whereas synods and congregations constantly evaluate and learn from each call process to increase the odds of a successful call process and congregational partnership.

Be it resolved; that the assembly asks the ELCA Church Council, in consultation with the Conference of Bishops, to initiate a conversation including synod leadership regarding rostered leader vacancies throughout this church, and

Be it further resolved, that the assembly encourages the Conference of Bishops to continue their work of facilitating and always reforming the call process for congregations and institutions in our changing contexts and

Be it further resolved, that regions, institutions, synods, and congregations be encouraged to raise up leaders in this church for rostered leadership with the encouragement and oversight of the Theological Education Advisory Committee of the Church Council

Be it resolved that the Conference of Bishops communicate with the ELCA Church Council and mutually review the status of this work every year and a half for three years.

#### **Recommendations of the Reference and Counsel Committee**

We recommend approval