**INSERT YOUR CHURCH NAME HERE**

**MOTION OF CANDIDATE RECOMMENDATION**

***[NOTE: This is important because it limits the scope of the business meeting to voting only on the candidate that the board/PST recommends. It prevents someone from introducing another candidate at the meeting and having them be voted upon.]***

*Whereas*, The church bylaws have charged the pastoral search committee/board with the duty of identifying the most qualified, available, willing and divinely called candidate to serve as our lead pastor, and

*Whereas*, The pastoral search committee has for the past INSERT NUMBER HERE months sought the advisement and counsel of our church bylaws, congregation, denominational officials and many other resources related to this task, and

*Whereas*, Our church has been in a prolonged season of prayer seeking God’s will, leading, and direction regarding the person to serve as our lead pastor, and

*Whereas*, The pastoral search committee believes to have identified that person, and has carefully reviewed and confirmed that the candidate meets the minimum qualifications prescribed by our church, Network and General Council bylaws, be it therefore

*Resolved*, That the Board Members/Pastoral Search Team Members of INSERT YOUR CHURCH NAME HERE, vote this day to invite and call INSERT CANDIDATE’S FULL NAME HERE to candidate as the lead pastor and fulfill the duties of that office as outlined in our bylaws, and be it further

*Resolved*, That if elected, the official board make the necessary arrangements to transition our new pastor into their new role as soon as practically possible.

Recommended by the Board/Pastoral Search Committee

\*If the vote of the pastoral search committee was unanimous, amend the sponsorship line to read, “By unanimous recommendation of the Pastoral Search Committee”.

\*\*If the board serves as the PST, then this can be part of the board minutes