



Lutheran Church  
of Australia

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## LETTER OF CALL

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To Pastor,

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### **In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.**

The Lutheran Church of Australia upholds the Office of the Ministry as the office divinely instituted for the public administration of the Means of Grace. Therefore in accordance with the practice of the Church to provide qualified men of good report for the Office of the Ministry, we the members of the

\_\_\_\_\_ District Church Council,

on the nomination of

\_\_\_\_\_ School Council,

acting on behalf of the school community.

having called on the Lord our God for guidance at a duly convened meeting held

at \_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_\_\_

have elected you to become the school pastor of

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In the Name of the Triune God we invite you to assume the responsibilities of this Office to which we call you, and to perform faithfully according to the Word of God all the duties of your ministry as outlined in this Letter of Call or as may be resolved and mutually agreed upon from time to time.

WE HEREBY CALL YOU AS PASTOR ON THE FOLLOWING CONDITIONS AND MUTUAL COVENANTS

### **THAT YOU ...**

- Preach and teach the Word of God as revealed in the Old and New Testaments in its truth and purity according to the Confessions of the Evangelical Lutheran Church as contained in the Book of Concord, and administer the sacraments in accordance with their divine institution.
- Promote faithfully the spiritual welfare of everyone in the school community, ministering to them according to their particular needs and applying the Word of God in worship, teaching, and pastoral care.
- Help the Christians in the school community to discover and use for the common good the gifts the Holy Spirit has given, equip them for service, and encourage and support them in their Christian vocation.
- Encourage the Christians in the school community to fulfil their responsibility to witness for Christ and to be involved in the mission activity in their school and of their congregations in their local communities.
- Provide pastoral leadership within the school community and in particular give theological guidance to the principal and staff.
- Keep your practice in harmony with the Word of God, the Confessions of the Lutheran Church, and the Constitution and By-laws of the Lutheran Church of Australia.
- Serve as an example in Christian conduct by earnestly endeavouring to live in Christian harmony with us, with the members of the school community, and with fellow pastors and their congregations.
- Carry out to the best of your ability the specific duties assigned to you by the principal or school council and at all times seek to promote the distinctive Lutheran aims of the school and to build up its distinctive Lutheran character.
- Participate in the church's program of continuing education for pastors in order to equip yourself better for ministry and adopt a cooperative attitude with us in determining the courses which will best help you develop your ministry.
- Assist in the regular evaluation of the ministry and mission of the school, including your own role in that ministry and mission.
- Cooperate with and support all pastors and congregations in the area served by the school.
- Ensure that all official pastoral acts conducted within the school are promptly and properly recorded and that those statistics required by the Lutheran Church of Australia are promptly and accurately provided.

