

1     **Resolution #1, Southeastern Iowa Synod 2008 Assembly**  
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3             WHEREAS, Section \*C6.06 of the *Model Constitution for Congregations of the*  
4 *Evangelical Lutheran Church in America* states, “*If this congregation considers*  
5 *relocation, it shall confer with the bishop of the synod in which it is territorially located*  
6 *before any steps are taken leading to such action. The approval of the Synod Council*  
7 *shall be received before any such action is effected*”;

8             WHEREAS, this provision affirms the interdependence of the congregations of  
9 the synod, one to another, and the synod and its constituent congregations;

10            WHEREAS, there is no provision that congregations confer with the bishop and  
11 gain the approval of the Synod Council before establishing satellite or other ministries in  
12 new areas on the territory of the synod;

13            WHEREAS, a satellite or other ministry can have the same effects upon  
14 neighboring congregations that a relocated congregation does; and

15            WHEREAS, the rationale for \*C6.06 is equally applicable to satellite and other  
16 ministry starts; therefore be it

17            *RESOLVED*, that any congregation of the synod planning to establish a satellite or  
18 other ministry in a new area on the territory of the Southeastern Iowa Synod shall consult  
19 with the bishop and receive the approval of the Synod Council before any such action is  
20 effected.

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