

**To officially begin the consolidation into a new single congregation and school and licensed childcare center in Faribault, MN.**

*Whereas*, The call of our Lord Jesus Christ in Matthew 28:19-20 is to go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you; and

*Whereas*, Leaders from both congregations have been appointed to an advisory committee tasked with formulating a Mission and Vision statement for the single congregation and school and licensed child care center; and

*Whereas*, The Mission and Vision statements for the single congregation and school and licensed child care center were presented to a joint meeting of Peace and Trinity on 10/25/2023, and passed by both congregations in individual congregational meetings (Peace 10/29/23 & Trinity 11/6/2023) and

*Whereas*, The Consolidation Committee has conducted multiple discovery sessions, culminating in four Town Hall meetings to present diverse aspects of the Consolidation plan, along with a final informational meeting on May 18, 2025, as prescribed in the original resolution and

*Whereas*, The original resolution called for both congregations to call for official meetings to vote on whether to proceed with the process of consolidating the congregations of Peace Lutheran Church and Trinity Lutheran Church, therefore be it

*Resolved*, That upon the reception of a 75% affirmative vote within each congregational meeting, the congregations of Peace Lutheran Church and Trinity Lutheran Church begin the official planning and paperwork process required to close Peace Lutheran Church, Trinity Lutheran Church and Faribault Lutheran School, specifically to form a new single congregation and school along with a licensed child care center; and be it further

*Resolved*, That the current consolidation committee made up of both Peace and Trinity members, along with the pastors of both congregations, FLS administrator, Peace Lutheran childcare center director, be expanded to formulate a detailed project plan covering short-term and transition plans; and be it further

*Resolved*, That the consolidation committee identify and retain legal counsel qualified and licensed to draft, review and file all necessary Federal and State paperwork including Articles of Incorporation the financial cost being shared equally by both current congregations; and be it further

*Resolved*, That voters of Peace Lutheran Church and Trinity Lutheran Church conduct a duly called Voters meeting no later than date October 6 to approve the dissolution of Peace Lutheran Church, Trinity Lutheran Church and Faribault Lutheran School and incorporation of the new congregation and school along with a licensed child care center; and be it further

*Resolved,* That at the meeting held no later than October 6 a final draft of the constitution and bylaws be presented as a part of the final resolution of consolidation and if approved, operated under on a provisional basis until approved by the MN South District; and be it further

*Resolved,* That the consolidation committee identify a Call subcommittee tasked with producing recommendations to fill the called positions and other staffing needs; and be it finally

*Resolved,* That a growth and planning committee be formed to continue to investigate opportunities for the future of the consolidated entity.