

1 **To Prayerfully and Financially Support Shepherd of the Valley (Salmon, ID)**
2 **Lutheran Church’s Mission Ministry to the People of Challis, ID**

3 **Resolution 1-01**

4 WHEREAS, Jesus Himself gives us the command to “Go therefore and make
5 disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son
6 and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you”
7 (Matt 28:19); and

8 WHEREAS, The 2019 LCMS Convention passed four National Witness
9 resolutions, including Res. 1-02, “To Encourage the Planting of Churches”; and

10 WHEREAS, Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church in Salmon, Idaho, has a
11 history over the past decades of providing mission ministry and prayer support to
12 the people of Challis, Idaho (60 miles upriver, south of Salmon); and

13 WHEREAS, There is a current need for mission work to the people of Challis;
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15 WHEREAS, The congregation of Shepherd of the Valley has been conducting
16 worship services in the Challis Community Church twice a month since Easter of
17 2021, with an average attendance of 18.5 people, making it the highest attended
18 worship service of any Christian denomination in Challis; and

19 WHEREAS, The congregation of Shepherd of the Valley has recently voted to
20 expand the mission ministry efforts to the people of Challis to include weekly
21 worship services, confirmation classes, Sunday School, and, God willing, the
22 eventual planting of a new LCMS church; and

23 WHEREAS, The congregation of Shepherd of the Valley has thus far been the
24 sole provider of all pastoral support, worship assistance personnel, worship service
25 materials/resources, time, travel, and financial resources; and

26 WHEREAS, The Montana District President has obtained the blessing from the
27 Northwest District President for the expansion of mission work into this area of
28 Idaho; therefore be it

29 *RESOLVED*, That all congregations in the Montana District be encouraged to
30 diligently pray for the mission work that the Holy Spirit is doing in the people of

1 Challis through Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church in Salmon; and be it
2 finally

3 *RESOLVED*, That—when and if needed—financial assistance from the Montana
4 District be provided at the Board of Directors’ discretion to help defray the costs of
5 needs to support a mission in Challis, including, but not limited to: renting, heating
6 the place of worship, supplies, and travel costs.

7 Overture 1-01
8 Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church, Salmon, ID
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11 **Signatures**
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16 Rev. Arlo Pullmann, Chairman
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20 Rev. Jakob Berger, Secretary
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