

MOTION 3
Nebraska Synod Council

MEETING DATE: September 17-18, 2021

SUBJECT: Waiver of provision C.9.07 relative to transitional/interim contract and availability for call for the Rev. Patrick Sipes

PROPOSED ACTION: Pursuant to Section *C.9.07, the Synod Council of the Nebraska Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America does hereby authorize Rev. Patrick Sipes to be available for a call as a Pastor at First Evangelical Lutheran Church in North Platte, Nebraska, should the congregation seek to consider him for a call following the conclusion of his term as Interim/Transitional Pastor there.

BACKGROUND: C.9.07 prohibits the call of a transition/interim pastor to a congregation following transition/interim service, unless a waiver is granted by the Synod Council prior to the start of such service. Rev. Sipe's experience prior to transitional service suggests he could potentially be a candidate, and this request is intended to keep that option available. The congregation will conduct a normal call process, and his candidacy is not presumed.

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