

WHEN YOU RECEIVE A DIVINE CALL



Considering a divine call is one of the most exciting yet anxious life events there is. Following the steps below will insure that the whole process is done decently and in good order and will help to make the process a greater blessing for you and everyone else.

✠ Contact your principal, board of education chairman, congregation president, and pastor (in person or by phone.) Let them know you have received a divine call. Tell them the location and the duties. Ask for their prayers.

✠ Contact your district president (by phone or by email) and the Commission on Lutheran Schools (CLS) by email at lutheranschools@wels.net . Tell them the location and the duties. Ask for their prayers.

✠ After you have received the main details about the call, write the calling body a letter (a hard copy is highly recommended) to acknowledge that you have received their divine call, understand what they are calling you to do, and that you will pray for God’s direction. Ask them to pray on your behalf.

✠ As you weigh the two divine calls you have, the one where you currently serving and the one just extended to you, seek the counsel of your family, fellow workers, congregation leaders, and congregation members. Ask for their continued prayers and pray earnestly about it yourself.

✠ Take whatever time you need to seriously consider where the Lord wants you to serve. There is no “typical” or “expected” number of weeks for this, but don’t lose sight of the fact that, whatever the Holy Spirit leads you to do, will require one congregation or the other to issue another divine call. This process takes valuable time, made more crucial as the window of time for calling diminishes.

✠ After you have reached a decision, immediately inform the congregation (by phone) that has extended you the divine call, the leaders of your own congregation and school (in person or by phone), the district president (by phone or email), and the CLS office by email at lutheranschools@wels.net . Follow up this contact with a letter to the leadership of both congregations, expressing that the Lord has led you to the decision you have made. Use your letter as an opportunity to express your faith and trust in God’s wisdom, power, and love and include your prayers for God’s continued blessings on the ministry of the congregation.