**Lighthouse Congregations**

*Let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven. – Matthew 5:16*

Lighthouse Congregations are local churches in the Rio Texas Annual Conference that are particularly equipped to welcome anyone whose church has closed or disaffiliated. These United Methodist faith communities are a resting place, with people who will offer care while providing a haven of peace and grace.

**Sample Resolution**:

Our Church Council (Leadership Board, Administrative Council) met on \_\_\_\_date\_\_\_\_ and approved the following:

Our congregation, \_\_\_\_insert church name\_\_\_\_, has decided to become a Lighthouse Congregation of The Rio Texas Conference of The United Methodist Church. In doing so, we not only commit to remaining a part of The United Methodist Church but also to serving those who have lost their church homes through disaffiliation or closure. We will partner in this work by providing a welcoming place, offering ministry opportunities, helping organize remnant groups in our community, and assisting individuals and groups in discerning their next steps as they find a new church home.

**Sample Bulletin/Website Statement**:

 *Church name is a Lighthouse Congregation of The Rio Texas Conference of The United Methodist Church.*