# Resolution 16.02
# Regarding Receiving River of Hope Lutheran Church, ELCA, Hutchinson, Minnesota

**Whereas,** River of Hope has been a congregation under development in the Southwestern Minnesota Synod for the last six years; and

**Whereas,** River of Hope has been blessed by the generous financial support and prayers of our ELCA churchwide system, our Southwestern Minnesota Synod, individuals, and local congregations; and

**Whereas,** River of Hope has written a congregation constitution following the model constitution for congregations of the ELCA and this constitution has been approved by the Synod Council Policies and Procedures Committee, the Synod Council Executive Committee, and at a properly called congregation meeting on May 15, 2016; therefore be it

**Resolved,** That the Southwestern Minnesota Synod, gathered in assembly, recognize and receive River of Hope Lutheran Church, Hutchinson, Minnesota, as a newly chartered congregation of the ELCA; and be it further

**Resolved,** That this action be followed by an enthusiastic welcome of members of River of Hope Lutheran Church, ELCA, by the Southwestern Minnesota Synod Assembly.

*Submitted by Southwestern Minnesota Synod Council*