

[Then should baptism be administered to those who have not been baptized. Then should those arise who would unite with the church by letter. To them the minister should say]:

Confessing the Lord whom we unitedly worship, you do now renew your self-consecration, and join with us cordially in this our Christian faith and covenant.

[The members of the church present should rise]:

We welcome you into our fellowship. We promise to watch over you with Christian love. God grant, that loving and being loved, serving and being served, blessing and being blessed, we may be prepared, while we dwell together on earth, for the perfect communion of the saints in heaven.

Now the God of peace, that brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do His will, working in you that which is well pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ; to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen. [Hebrews xiii. 20, 21.]

[Jude, 24, 25, is proposed as an alternative benediction.]

RESOLUTIONS IN REFERENCE TO COUNCILS.

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and re affirmed in 1880 and 1882.*

1. That previous to the formation of a new Church of our order, a Council of pastors and delegates of sister churches should be called by the parties desiring to be formed into such a church, and that statements and documents relating to the proposed organization should be presented to the Council thus formed, and its advice in the matter sought.

2. That in the ordination, recognition or installation of pastors, and in the setting apart of evangelists in or among the churches, the church over whom the pastor is to be placed, or of which the evangelist is a member, should call a Council, before whom shall be laid the call of the church, and the credentials of the paster-elect, or of the evangelist, as the case may be, and the advice of the Council sought in relation thereto.

3. That a Council consists of the representatives of churches, not individuals, and it is expedient that each church consulted should be represented by its pastor and a delegate, and should embrace, though not exclusively, the sister Congregational churches contiguous to the church or people seeking advice.