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There is no specific distinction between 'call' and 'offer of appointment', and it is recommended that none be set up.

The term 'call' may be used for the call both to the public office of the Ministry and to teachers (and other church workers involved in spiritual ministry); but a distinction should be observed carefully between the two calls, since the call of the pastor is for the special public office.

Since no other term can be suggested for the call of teachers, the distinction should be observed in public notices and lists (such as in *The Lutheran*) by publishing these calls under separate designations.