

## Registration

Please detach the form below and return to:

Retreat  
Presbytery of the Northern Plains  
5555 South Washington Street Suite A  
Grand Forks, ND 58201

You may also register via e-mail with Laurie Elhard at [pnpooffice@gmail.com](mailto:pnpooffice@gmail.com)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Congregation You Are Serving: \_\_\_\_\_

Presbytery: \_\_\_\_\_

Capacity in which you are serving: (e.g. non-Presbyterian clergy, Presbyterian CLP, etc.): \_\_\_\_\_

Special Dietary Needs: \_\_\_\_\_

Retreat Fees Enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Check made to Presbytery of the Northern Plains)

Extra Night: \_\_\_\_\_

**Registration Deadline: April 7, 2010**

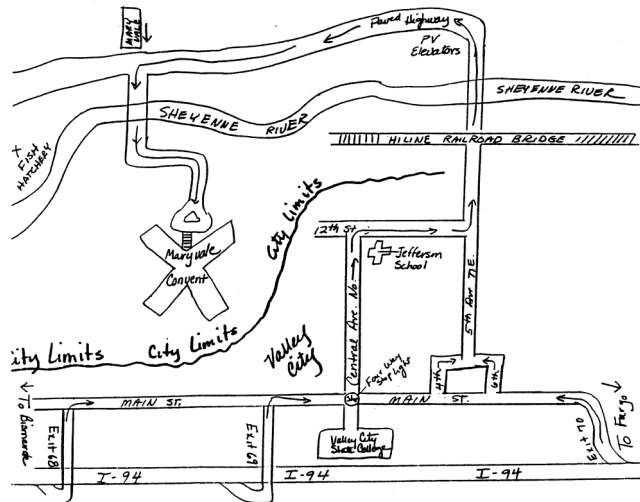
### Costs:

\$60 (Includes Sunday evening meal, overnight lodging, all Monday meals and a copy, to be sent to participants upon registration, of Donald McKim's *Presbyterian Questions: Presbyterian Answers.*)

\$30 (Extra fee for those staying through Tuesday Breakfast)

### Location:

Maryvale Spiritual Life Center is located at:  
11550 River Road  
Valley City, ND 58072-9620  
The phone number is 701 845-2864  
The center is run by the Sisters of Mary of the Presentation. You can learn more at [www.sistersofmaryofthepresentation.com](http://www.sistersofmaryofthepresentation.com)



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## Reformed and Reforming: Nurturing a Presbyterian Identity in our Congregations



**April 18-19, 2010**  
**Maryvale Spiritual Life Center**  
**Valley City, ND**

A Workshop for Pastors (Presbyterian and Otherwise) & Commissioned Lay Pastors (Presbyterian and Otherwise)  
Serving Presbyterian Congregations on the Great Plains

Co-sponsored by:  
The Commissioned Lay Pastor Task Force of  
The Presbytery of the Northern Plains  
And  
The Omaha Presbyterian Seminary Foundation

Dr. Gary Neal Hansen is an ordained minister in the PC(USA), currently serving as Assistant Professor of Church History at the University of Dubuque Theological Seminary. Prior to receiving his PhD from Princeton in 1998, Dr. Hansen served for five years as the redevelopment pastor of a small church in New Jersey. He has been on the Dubuque faculty since 1999, teaching courses in topics such as “Presbyterian History and Confessions,” “Worship in the Reformed Tradition,” and “The Theology of John Calvin.” He has also offered workshops and seminars around the church such as the one on Reformed Spirituality he conducted in the Northern Plains Presbytery last year. He also teaches courses in the UDS distance learning program for CLPs. Dr. Hansen is excited about bringing both his pastoral and academic experience to bear on the focus of this workshop. “Studying such theologians as John Calvin whose ideas still shape the Church,” he writes, “we can ask questions along with them and bring our own views into dialog and debate with theirs. Doing so, we grow and may even find answers to the questions of our age.”



## Our Schedule

April 18, 2010	
3:00-3:30pm	Registration and Check-in
3:30-4:00pm	Opening Worship
4:00-5:00pm	Session One
5:00	Dinner
7:00-9:00pm	Session Two
9:00	Reception and Refreshments
April 19, 2010	
8:00am	Breakfast
9:00-10:15am	Session Three
10:15	Morning Break
10:45-12:00	Session Four
12 noon	Lunch
1:00-2:30pm	Session Five
2:30	Afternoon Break
2:45-4:00pm	Session Six
4:30-5:00pm	Closing Worship
5:30	Dinner
6:00pm	Departure (Though you are welcome to stay the night.)



## Our Purpose:

To provide a high quality training and support experience for pastors and commissioned lay pastors (Presbyterian and otherwise) serving churches on the Great Plains that seek to strengthen their identity as congregations in the Reformed/Presbyterian Family.

## Our Focus:

1. What are the distinctive marks of a Presbyterian congregation in its:
  - Worship life
  - Ways of governing itself
  - Practices of Christian nurture
  - Mission Beyond Itself
  - Relationship to the Larger Church
2. What strategies can church leaders employ to develop and maintain these marks?

## The Outcomes We Seek:

By the close of this event, each participant will have:

- Thought through, with the workshop leader and other participants, the various marks of a Presbyterian identity in congregations;
- Thought through and discussed with others the unique challenges in his or her own congregation;
- Developed his/her own unique plan for strengthening the Presbyterian identity of the congregation he or she serves.