

2007 - 12
 April 27 - 28, 2007
 Jamestown, North Dakota

PRESBYTERY OF THE NORTHERN PLAINS
NINETY-FIRST STATED MEETING
 April 27 - 28, 2007
 Jamestown, North Dakota

The Presbytery of the Northern Plains of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) held its stated meeting at United Presbyterian Church, Jamestown, North Dakota, on April 27 - 28, 2007, beginning at 1:01 p.m., April 27, 2007.

STATED
MEETING

The meeting was called to order by Moderator Dixon Moorhead and began with a worship service led by Rev. David Thompson. Thompson also welcomed all to United Presbyterian Church.

CALL TO
ORDER &
OPENING
PRAYER

The roll was taken by means of registration blanks filled out by attendees. The following ministers were present unless otherwise noted:

P - Present; E - Excused; A - Absent; HR - Ministers Honorably Retired, excused if absent; LOB - Ministers laboring outside the bounds of the Presbytery, excused if absent. (Numbers preceding ministers' names are ecclesiastical occupational designations).

ROLL
(Ministers)

MINISTERS (22)

	<u>Ministers</u>	<u>Church</u>	<u>Meeting #</u>		
			<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>
151	Anderson, John (UMC)	Lisbon	A	A	
641	Argall, Randy	Jamestown College	P	P	
151	Branstiter, Ray (ELCA)	Tri-County Ministry	A	A	
151	Chesnut, Kathleen (UCC)	Belfield	A	A	
299	Christman, Dave (HR)		P	E	
645	Cone, Al		A	A	
101	Cory, Darrel	Angus - Tabor	P	P	
299	Cunningham, Dale (HR)		E	E	
151	Dealey, Byron (ECNA)	Langdon	P	E	
109	Dove, Ben (HR)		E	E	
101	Edwards, Robert	Minot	A	P	
101	Emerson, Nancy	Moorhead	P	E	
151	Gale, Lee (UMC)	Grafton	P	E	
299	Gibbs, John G. (HR)		P	E	
101	Graf, Gretchen Daneke	Grand Forks	P	P	
299	Graham, Ron (HR)		E	E	
299	Green, Joseph F. (HR)		E	E	
103	Holtey, Mary Jo	Fargo		P	P
299	House, Charles (HR)		E	N	Waters
101	Jutila, Kari	Casselton	P		
101	Kincaid, Jacob	Bismarck	P	P	
101	Kuhn, Paul	Rolla - St. John	P	P	

2007 - 13
 April 27 - 28, 2007
 Jamestown, North Dakota

ROLL (continued)	<u>Ministers</u>	<u>Church</u>	<u>Meeting #</u>		
			<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>
151	Lavery, Tom (UMC)	Bottineau	E	P	
151	Manja, Joe (UMC)	Ellendale	A	A	
791	Meier, Mindy	Bdecan	E	P	
111	Monteith, Donna	Grandin/Hunter	P	P	
299	Potter, Doris (HR)		E	E	
101	Reikow, Deanna	Mandan	P	P	
103	Rucker, Vicki	Bismarck	P	P	
299	Roy, Emery (HR)		P	P	
299	Scherbenske, Marvin (HR)	E	E		
101	Shive, Steven	Fargo	P	E	
101	Stith, Matthew	West Fargo	P	P	
797	Swanson, Joan	LaMoure/Edgeley	E	P	
101	Thompson, David L	Jamestown	P	P	
302	Traylor, Charles	Exec Presbyter	P	P	
791	Tweit, Julie		P	P	
151	Vorlage, Timothy (UMC)	Nekoma	P	A	
644	Watts, Gary	Jamestown College	A	A	
299	Weiler, Philip (HR)		E	E	
797	Werth, Amanda		E	A	
111	Werth, John	Cavalier	P	P	
101	Wolpert, Dan	Crookston	E	P	
101	Woodford, Don	Hallock	P	P	

The following churches were represented by elders as indicated (E - excused, — not represented, without excuse): (21)

Angus, Angus-Tabor:	—
Argyle, Community Presbyterian:	—
Arvilla, Arvilla Presbyterian:	—
Baker, Westminister Presbyterian:	—
Bathgate, First Presbyterian:	—
Belfield, First Presbyterian:	—
Bismarck, First Presbyterian: (1)	Dave Nix
(2)	Casey Chapman
Bismarck, Glencoe Sloan Memorial:	—
Bottineau, United Parish:	—
Buffalo, First Presbyterian:	William Grieve
Calvin, Glenila Presbyterian:	—
Casselton, Westminister Presbyterian:	Nick Pyle
Cavalier, Cavalier Presbyterian:	—
Colgate, Colgate Presbyterian:	Anita Erickson

2007 - 14
 April 27 - 28, 2007
 Jamestown, North Dakota

<u>ROLL</u> (continued)		ROLL (continued)
Cooperstown, First Presbyterian:	E	
Crookston, First Presbyterian:	—	
Devils Lake, Westminister Presbyterian:	Jean Baker	
Dilworth, Dilworth Presbyterian:	—	
East Grand Forks, Mendenhall:	Marilyn M. Ogden	
Edgeley, First Presbyterian:	—	
Ellendale, Presbyterian-U Methodist:	—	
Emerado, Emerado Presbyterian:	—	
Fairview, Community Presbyterian:	—	
Fargo, First Presbyterian: (1)	Margaret Blue	
(2)	—	
Fordville, Community Presbyterian:	—	
Forest River, Community Presbyterian:	Bill Cawley	
Gilby, Gilby Presbyterian	—	
Grafton, Federated Church:	Alice J. Thompson	
Grand Forks, First Presbyterian:	Pat O'Donnell	
Grandin, Grandin Presbyterian:	Donna Preston	
Hallock, First Presbyterian:	—	
Hamilton, First Presbyterian:	—	
Hannah, Hannah Presbyterian:	—	
Hazelton, First Presbyterian:	—	
Hunter, First Presbyterian:	E	
Inkster, Inkster Presbyterian:	—	
Jamestown, United Presbyterian:	Nita Dura	
LaMoure, First Presbyterian:	—	
Langdon, Presbyterian Church of Langdon:	Eleanor Sand	
Lisbon, First Presbyterian:	—	
Mandan, First Presbyterian:	Scott Davy	
Milton, First Presbyterian:	—	
Minnewaukan, First Presbyterian:	—	
Minot, First Presbyterian: (1)	Donna Marsland	
(2)	John Scott	
Minto, Knox Presbyterian:	Ellen Misialek	
Moorhead, First Presbyterian:	—	
Nekoma, Nekoma Presbyterian:	E	
Oakes, First Presbyterian:	—	
Park River, Federated Church:	—	
Pillsbury, Baldwin:	—	
Portal, First Presbyterian:	—	
Red Lake Falls, First Presbyterian:	—	
Rhame, Lyle Presbyterian:	—	
Rolla, Presbyterian Church of Rolla/St. John:	—	

2007 - 15
April 27 - 28, 2007
Jamestown, North Dakota

ROLL (continued)	<u>ROLL</u> (continued)	
	Rugby, Emmanuel United Church:	—
	Ryder, Calvary Presbyterian:	—
	Steele, First Presbyterian:	—
	Tower City, Tower City:	Mary Cockerill
	Towner, Towner Presbyterian:	Elaine J. Hendrickson
	Walhalla, Park Center-Walhalla:	—
	Watford City, First Presbyterian:	—
	Webster, Webster Chapel:	—
	West Fargo, Community Presbyterian:	Delores Horn
	Westhope, First Presbyterian:	—
	Willow City, First Presbyterian:	—
	Wilton, First Presbyterian:	—

CANDIDATES/INQUIRERS

None

CORRESPONDING MEMBERS

Rev. Tom Holtey (ELCA)
Rev. Doug Kelly (Seattle)
Rev. Donna Knight (Mission)

ELDER OFFICERS

Office	Name	
Moderator	Dixon Moorhead (West Fargo)	
CO Nominations/Session Rec	Don Hariman (Grand Forks)	
GA Commissioner	Virginia Reichman (Mandan)	
SDOP	Diane Wray Williams (Moorhead)	A
Synod Commissioner	Cheryl Biller (Moorhead)	
Presbyterian Women	Elizabeth Swee (Moorhead)	A

(not otherwise noted)

FORMER MODERATORS

None

NON-MEMBER PASTORS

Judy Moos (Walhalla)
Paul Keil (Fordville/Park River)

2007 - 16
 April 27 - 28, 2007
 Jamestown, North Dakota

PRESBYTERY OFFICERS

Charles Traylor Executive Presbyter
 Michael R. Lochow Stated Clerk
 Bill Weispfenning Treasurer

ROLL
 (continued)

VISITORS - 19

SUMMARY OF ATTENDANCE

<u>Classification</u>	<u>Present</u>	<u>Not Present</u>	<u>Excused</u>
Ministers	22	13	9
Commissioners	21	45	3
Elder Officers	4	2	
Former Moderators	0		
Comm Lay Pastors	2(3)	5	2
Candidates/Inquirers	0		
Corresponding Members	3		
Non-Member Pastors	2		
Presbytery Officers/Elder	1(2)		
Visitors	19		
Total	74	65	14

A quorum was present and members were reminded of how roll was taken.

QUORUM

Presbytery voted to enroll the Revs. Doug Kelly (Seattle Presbytery - Board of Pensions), Donna Knight (Mission Presbytery), and Tom Holtey (ELCA) and those ministers present from other denominations who are serving pulpits in the Presbytery of the Northern Plains as corresponding members

CORRES-
PONDING
MEMBERS

New commissioners and visitors were introduced.

Privilege of the floor and voice was granted to Jenna Berenson, Blair Moorhead, and Chogoria Nurses.

FLOOR &
VOICE

The reports of the Committee on Preparation for Ministry, Commissioners to Synod, and the Chogoria Partnership Ministry Team were removed from the Consent Calendar and the following reports, if any, were received, placed on file, and approved, without objection, where appropriate:

CONSENT
CALENDAR

- Executive Presbyter
- Committee on Representation
- Nominations Committee
- Leadership Development Ministry Team
- Social Concerns/Mission Advocacy Ministry Team
- Higher Education Ministry Team
- Emerging Churches Coaching Team
- Clearwater Forest

2007 - 17
April 27 - 28, 2007
Jamestown, North Dakota

Presbyterian Women of the Presbytery
Sexual Misconduct Response Coordinating Team
Presbyterians for Restoring Creation

- AGENDA The agenda prepared for the meeting by the Stated Clerk after consultation with Presbytery Council, as amended, was approved.
- MINISTRY The report of the Committee on Ministry was presented in written form by Randy Argall. The report was received, placed on file and contained the following action items and recommendations **approved by Presbytery action:**
1. Renewed the permission for the following elders to preside for communion in their own congregation in 2007:
Watford City: Sharon Norstag, Ellis Ross
 2. Concur in the request of the session of the First Presbyterian Church, Fargo, North Dakota, and the Rev. Emery Roy, to end the parish associate relationship.
 3. Concur in the action taken at a regularly called congregational meeting at First Presbyterian Church, Fargo, North Dakota, to designate the Rev. Emery Roy to the honorary relationship of pastor emeritus.
 4. Approve the changes in the terms of call for all pastors and CLPs for 2007 as reported to the Presbytery, with two notations:
 - A. commend those congregations which, according to the reports, are now contributing to SECA for their pastors: Bathgate/Cavalier/Hamilton, Bismarck First, Casselton, Devils Lake/Minnewaukan/Webster, East Grand Forks Mendenhall, Fargo First, Grand Forks First, Grandin/Hunter, Jamestown, Langdon, Mandan, Minot, Moorhead, West Fargo.
 - B. recognize that Presbytery adopted new minimum compensation guidelines in October of 2006 that some congregations will be "living into," and that at present it appears approximately 20-30% of pastors with full time calls are below the new minimum guidelines.
- (Elder training)
- (Roy end parish assoc.)
- (Roy pastor emeritus)
- (Terms of call approved)
- (SECA churches)
- (Below Min comp guidelines)
- (Comp. guidelines prorated)

2007 - 18
April 27 - 28, 2007
Jamestown, North Dakota

Committee on Ministry (continued)

Newly ordained to two years service	20 percent below median	
		\$
		3
		7
		,
		2
		0
		0
Two years to four years service	15 percent below median	\$39,525
Four years to six years service	10 percent below median	\$41,850
Six years to eight years service	5 percent below median	\$44,175
Over eight years service	0 percent below median	\$46,500

Using this formula, COM recommends that the minimum compensation package in 2008 for full-time calls to newly ordained ministers shall include an effective salary of \$37,200 (the first three lines below):

Salary	\$27,700
Housing	7,500 housing allowance/manse
Utilities	2,000
SECA (half)	2,846
Auto Allowance	reimburse at IRS rate
Continuing Education	\$500 and two weeks annually, cumulative 3 yrs
Pension and Medical	Full
Vacation	Four weeks

6. The minimum compensation for full-time CLPs is 90 percent of that for ordained ministers, also prorated based on years of service. Therefore, COM recommends that the full-time effective salary for a newly commissioned CLP in 2008 shall be \$33,480.
7. For CLPs working less than full-time the compensation would be prorated to an hourly figure derived from a base of a 48-hour work week. The minimum hourly wage, based on the 48-hour work week, would be \$13.41 per hour.
8. For pastors whose years of experience falls under the compensation formula's odd-numbered years of service (1, 3, 5, 7, 9+), a cost of living increase is mandatory. COM reports that the consumer price index for 2006 was 3.2% and recommends this figure.

Kari Jutila presented the remainder of the Committee on Ministry report. Presbytery **adopted** the following recommendations:

2007 - 19
April 27 - 28, 2007
Jamestown, North Dakota

Ministry
(continued)

**(2008 Comp
recommenda
-tions)**

**(CLP comp.
recommenda
-tions)**

**(CLP
prorating)**

**(COLA for
2006)**

**(Wolpert
moderate
EGF)**

2007 - 20
April 27 - 28, 2007
Jamestown, North Dakota

Ministry (cont) Committee on Ministry (continued)

- (Argall moderate Cooperstown) (Graham HR)
2. Appoint the Rev. Randy Argall moderator at First Presbyterian Church, Cooperstown, effective May 28, 2007.
 3. Grant Honorably Retired status to the Rev. Ronald Graham.

STATED CLERK The report of the Stated Clerk, Michael Lochow, was received, placed on file and the following recommendations were **adopted**:

- (Minutes)
1. **Minutes.** The Minutes of the January 26 - 27, 2007, stated meeting be approved without exception.

- (PJC Roster)
2. **ROSTER OF RECENTLY RETIRED MEMBERS OF THE PERMANENT JUDICIAL COMMISSION (PJC).** In accordance with the provisions of the **Rules of Discipline** (D-5.0206b), the following is the report for 2006 of the roster of members of the PJC, retired within the last 6 years still residing in Northern Plains Presbytery:
Class of 2006 - Elders Arnie Boyum & Delton Roelofs and Minister David Thompson
Class of 2004 - Elders Kevin Kaufman and Minister Phil Weiler
Class of 2003 - Elder Fern Watkins

- (Insurance)
3. **INSURANCE.** In compliance with the Book of Order (G-11.0308) requirement that “**The Presbytery shall obtain property and liability insurance coverage to protect its facilities, programs, staff, and elected and appointed officers**” and the Synod of the Lakes and Prairies requirement that **the extent of such insurance coverage be noted annually in the Presbytery minutes**, the Presbytery of the Northern Plains spread upon its minutes that it currently has in force and effect the following insurance coverage:

Premises - personal property	\$ 179,600
General liability	
(other than products-completed aggregate limit)	\$ 3,000,000
Products-completed operations	\$ 3,000,000
Personal and advertising injury	\$ 1,000,000
Each occurrence limit	\$ 1,000,000
Property damage limit (any one occurrence)	\$ 1,000,000
Medical expense limit (any one person)	\$ 2,000
Sexual misconduct	\$ 250,000/\$500,000
Employers liability endorsement	
Bodily injury by accident	\$ 500,000

2007 - 21
April 27 - 28, 2007
Jamestown, North Dakota

Stated Clerk Report (continued)

Stated Clerk
(continued)

Bodily injury by disease	\$ 500,000
Aggregate limit for bodily injury or disease	\$ 500,000
Employee dishonesty	\$ 250,000
Forgery or alteration - depositors forgery	\$ 10,000

The insurance is carried through Vaaler Ins. Inc. at an annual cost of \$3071.00. The current policy covers the period from October 30, 2006, through October 30, 2007

4. **ANNUAL STATISTICAL REPORT: That the summary of the Annual Statistical Report for the Churches of Northern Plains Presbytery to the General Assembly for 2006, which were transmitted to the General Assembly, according to G-11.0306, be spread upon the minutes** as follows (Seven churches have not reported: Arvilla, Bismarck-Glencoe, Calvin, Dilworth, Fairview, Hazelton and Rugby.) (The numbers in parenthesis are 2005 numbers) (Stat Report)

MEMBERSHIP

Active members 31 December 2005	7,102
Gains 2006	
Profession of faith	
17 and under	84
18 and over	75
Certificate	50
Other	15
Total Gains	224
Losses 2006	
Certificate	72
Death	145
Other	257
Total Losses	474
Active members 31 December 2006	6,852

FEMALE MEMBERS - 3,188 [3,990]

INACTIVE MEMBERS - 2,427 [2,495]

BAPTIZED MEMBERS - 1,073 [927]

AFFILIATE MEMBERS - 69 [75]

AVERAGE CHURCH ATTENDANCE - 2,736 [2,852]

BAPTISMS: Children - 86 [91]; Adults - 7 [19]

2007 - 22
 April 27 - 28, 2007
 Jamestown, North Dakota

Stated Clerk
 (continued)

ELDERS: Male - 196 [211]; Female - 175 [194]; Total - 371 [405]
 DEACONS: Male - 43 [58]; Female - 109 [105]; Total - 152 [163]

(Stat Report,
 continued)

AGE DISTRIBUTION

25 & Under - 1,094 [1116] 26-35 - 1,252 [1245] 36-55 - 999 [1153]
 56-64 - 967 [1167] 65 & Over - 1,941 [2098]

PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES

Hearing: 242 [221] Mobility: 263 [242] Sight: 71 [76] Other: 113 [112]

RACIAL ETHNIC COMPOSITION

	Membership	Elders	Deacons
Asian	20 [21]	0 [1]	0 [0]
Black	28 [25]	0 [0]	1 [1]
Native American	27 [30]	0 [0]	0 [0]
Hispanic	3 [5]	0 [0]	0 [0]
White	6,291 [6670]	342 [369]	147 [161]
Other	2 [2]	1[0]	0 [0]

CHILDREN SCHOOL: ENROLLMENT BY AGE GROUP

Birth -3	117 [126]	Age 4	75 [101]	Kindergarten	94 [80]
Grade 1	66 [79]	Grade 2	83 [78]	Grade 3	68 [75]
Grade 4	76 [104]	Grade 5	99 [91]	Grade 6	81 [87]
Grade 7	69 [101]	Grade 8	88 [86]	Grade 9	76 [84]
Grade 10	81 [75]	Grade 11	72 [72]	Grade 12	64 [63]
Young Adults	133 [46]	Over 25	263 [513]	Teacher/Officer	227 [272]
Total: 1,832 [2133]					

FINANCES

Potential Giving Units	- 3,617 [49,017]	
Budgeted Income	3,842,990 [4,045,030]	
Budget Expense	4,575,444 [4,789,669]	
Receipts		
Regular Contributions		4,030,565 [3,924,030]
Capital and Building Funds		764,653 [766,551]
Investment and Endowment		436,387 [323,029]
Bequests		125,423 [396,036]
Other income		385,068 [369,402]
Subsidy or Aid		387,000 [1,078]
Expenditures		
Local Program		3,456,241 [3,665,633]
Local Mission		350,770 [295,217]
Capital Expenditures		1,367,391 [1,037,346]
Investment Expenditures	101,389	[254,310]
Per Capita Apportionment		164,579 [188,808]
Validated Mission		187,076 [211,751]
Theological Education Fund		3,375 [4,205]
Other Mission		180,776 [120,262]

2007 - 23
April 27 - 28, 2007
Jamestown, North Dakota

On behalf of John Gibbs, Lochow announced that Rev. Gibbs was willing to preach on restoring creation for travel costs only; no honorarium.

(Gibbs willing to preach)

Lochow also informed the commissioners that on April 15, 2007, the First Presbyterian Church at Willow City, North Dakota, had voted to close. A closing commission will be formed and Lochow moved and Presbytery **approved** a motion authorizing the moderator to appoint the Willow City Closing Commission as soon as names of those willing to serve can be secured.

(Willow City to close)
(Moderator to appt commission)

The report of the Committee on Preparation for Ministry (CPM) was presented by Mary Holtey. Holtey introduced CLP Learner, Catherine Bliss. Holtey reported that the CPM had examined Bliss in accordance with G-14.0560. Bliss was further examined by the commissioners. It was moved and adopted to certify CLP Learner Catherine Bliss ready to receive a commission.

CPM
(Bliss certified)

The report of the Synod Commissioners was presented by Cheryl Biller, elder commissioner. The connectivity of the church and how we understand mission was recently discussed at a meeting in Kansas City. Partnership funding will be phased out over a five-year period. There will be no change until 2010. Conversation will begin on how to do mission on a national and local level. Biller believes this discussion to be critical.

SYNOD
COMM

The Rev. Doug Kelly, regional Board of Pensions representative, presented an update on the benefits offered by the Board of Pensions. He distributed several handouts and contact information. The Board of Pensions website is www.pensions.org.

(Kelly Board of Pension update)

During the Good News segment among other things news was heard that Mary Holtey would be going on sabbatical; Grandin/Hunter will be celebrating their 125th anniversary on June 24th; Virginia Reichman attended the Older Adult Ministry meeting at Lake Tahoe; the Bdecan food pantry is doing well and Mendenhall is debt free and the PNC is still looking.

GOOD
NEWS

Presbytery took its afternoon break at 3:00 p.m. and reconvened at 3:30 p.m.

The program for the meeting was Death and Dying Issues. Mary Holtey gave an overview. There were four workshops: Hospice and Issues of Living - Rev. Tom Holtey; Issue of Grief - Rev. Julie Tweit; Issues of Visitation - Rev. Mary Holtey; and Issues of Death and Dying - Elder Donna Marsland. Commissioners attended three of the four workshops of their choice which was followed by a panel discussion.

(Program - Death & Dying issues, workshops)

Following the evening meal a worship service was held which included the Celebration of Communion.. Worship was led by the Rev. David Thompson

(Worship, Communion)

2007 - 24
April 27 - 28, 2007
Jamestown, North Dakota

and CLP Bill Weispfenning with Weispfenning delivering the sermon. Special music was provided by United Presbyterian Church of Jamestown members David Morlock and Diane Witzig,

(Saturday) Saturday, April 28, 2007

Presbytery was convened at 8:35 a.m. by Moderator Moorhead. Morning worship was led by the Moderator. The business meeting was convened at 9:10 a.m.

**NOM COMM
(Preston
YAD)**

The written report of the Nominating Committee was received and placed on file. Committee member Cheryl Biller presented the name of Nicole Preston as YAD representative to Synod. There were no nominations from the floor and Preston was elected.

**(GF Adm
Com)**

Biller reported that the Grand Forks Administrative Commission was working well together and making progress.

**COUNCIL
(Fiber optics)**

The Presbytery Council no action items. Council minutes were received and placed on file. On behalf of Council, Matthew Stith moved and Presbytery **approved** the change of the Presbytery fiber optic location to the Community Presbyterian Church at West Fargo, North Dakota.

TREASURER

The written report of Treasurer Bill Weispfenning consisting of a narrative statement, Statement of Financial Position, Statement of Activities, Dedicated Accounts, and Outstanding Per Capita all for the period ending March 31, 2007, was received and placed on file. Weispfenning reviewed the financial narrative that accompanied the financial statements. A motion to accept the financial statements was **approved**.

(Missionary)

Paul Kuhn reported that an itinerant missionary from Germany will be in the Presbytery from October 5 - 12, 2007, as part of "Mission Challenge '07".

CHOGORIA

**(Mission
project -
Berenson &
Moorhead)**

Matthew Stith reported for the Chogoria Partnership Ministry Team. Their written report was received and placed on file. Their next trip is July 29 - August 15, 2008. Stith presented two young people who are going on a mission trip to Kenya this year: Jenna Berenson, who will be working with primary school girls and women's self development projects and Blair Moorhead, who is going as part of the PC (USA) Young Adult Volunteer Program to work with an ecumenical group. Berenson and Moorhead expressed their appreciation for the support given by the Presbytery.

**(Magnall,
nurses project)**

Jackie Magnall spoke on behalf of the Chogoria Nurses Project and the Jamestown College nursing students who are part of a nursing partnership with Chogoria.

2007 - 25
 April 27 - 28, 2007
 Jamestown, North Dakota

Don Hariman presented the report of the Session Records Committee. Fifteen minute books were read with the following results: 8 approved without exception; 4 with minor exceptions, and 3 with major exceptions. The report was received and placed on file.

SESSION
 RECORDS

The written report of the Youth Connection Council was received and placed on file. David Thompson reported that 110 youth attended the retreat at Crystal Springs with a goal of 150 for 2008 dates of April 11 - 13. Youth will be going to Oregon and California to teach Bible school from June 21 - July 2. Twenty have already signed up with four vacancies remaining. The Youth Triennium will be held from July 16 - July 24 at Purdue University. The chaperones have been secured and there are still two openings for youth. Thompson is willing to speak to churches and/or sessions about the youth activities. A slide show was presented.

YOUTH
 CONNECTION

The morning break was taken from 10:06 a.m. to 10:44 a.m.

The offering from the evening worship totaled \$415.00.

(Offering)

The Revs. Darrel Cory and Deanna Reikow will coordinate the visit of the missionary in October.

(Cory/Reikow
 coordinate)

Matthew Stith moved and Presbytery **approved** a motion to allow Blair Moorhead to raise funds within the Presbytery for her trip to Kenya.

(Moorhead
 fund raising)

The Presbytery next took up consideration of the proposed amendments to the Constitution of the PC (USA). The moderator noted that by virtue of the General Assembly approval of these proposed amendments they were properly before the Presbytery without further action. The moderator appointed Phyllis Otterson and Laurie Elhard as tellers. Written ballots were distributed to the commissioners and following debate on all proposed amendments, the vote was taken.

(Amendments
 to Book of
 Order)

(Otterson &
 Elhard tellers)

The tellers reported the following results of the vote taken by written ballot on the proposed constitutional amendments and the Moderator made the indicated declarations:

TELLER'S REPORT

Amendment	Votes <u>Cast</u>	Votes to <u>Pass</u>	Yes	No	Non- <u>Vote</u>	Declaration by <u>Chair</u>
06-A.	39	20	9	30	0	Disapproval
02-B.1	32	17	20	12	7	Approval

(Teller's
 Report)

2007 - 26
April 27 - 28, 2007
Jamestown, North Dakota

Teller's
Report
(continued)

Teller's Report (continued)

Amendment	Votes <u>Cast</u>	Votes to <u>Pass</u>	Yes	No	Non- Declaration by <u>Chair</u>	
02-B.2	39	20	10	29	0	Disapproval
06-B.3	32	17	22	10	7	Approval
06-C	32	17	22	10	7	Approval
06-D	32	17	26	6	7	Approval
06-E	32	17	26	6	7	Approval
06-F	31	16	21	10	8	Approval

(Comm
Service)nhgb

The closing worship service was a commissioning service for mission volunteers Jenna Berenson and Blair Moorhead.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 11:47 a.m.

**Next
Meeting**

The next stated meeting of the Presbytery of the Northern Plains is scheduled for October 5, 2007, at First Presbyterian Church, Mandan, North Dakota, beginning at 1:00 p.m.

ATTEST:

Michael R. Lochow
Michael R. Lochow, Stated Clerk

THE REMAINDER OF THIS PAGE IS BLANK