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PRESBYTERY OF THE NORTHERN PLAINS
SPECIAL MEETING

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The Presbytery of the Northern Plains of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) held a special meeting at the First Presbyterian Church, Grand Forks, North Dakota, on August 27, 2007, beginning at 2:45 p.m.

PURPOSE
& CALL

In accordance with the Constitution of the PCUSA G-11.0201 the purpose of the special meeting was set forth in notices sent to each minister and the session of every church on August 7, 2007, as follows:

in accordance with the Form of Government (G-11.0200) and at the request of at least two ministers and two elders from different churches on July 19, 2007, to wit: the Revs. Charles Traylor (Executive Presbyter) and Gretchen Graf (First, Grand Forks) and Elders Barb Ault (Cavalier Presbyterian) and Helen Torrance (First, Milton), a Special Meeting of the Presbytery of the Northern Plains has been called for Monday, August 27, 2007, immediately following the Special Meeting at 2:00 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church, Grand Forks, North Dakota, for the following purposes:

1. to give permission to the session of the First Presbyterian Church at Milton, North Dakota, to sell their church property and if there are no purchase offers to dispose of the property as they see fit;
2. to appoint a closing commission of seven persons for the First Presbyterian Church at Milton, North Dakota, with the responsibilities as set forth in P-6.0500 of the Manual of Operations of the Presbytery of the Northern Plains; and
3. to conduct any business which may be properly undertaken as a result of this action.

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CALL TO ORDER The meeting was called to order and led in prayer by Moderator Dixon Moorhead at 2:45 p.m.

ROLL The roll was taken by means of signatures of those present and when complete was as follows:

MINISTERS (8)

Gretchen Graf	Mary Jo Holtey	Paul Kuhn
Donna Monteith	Steve Shive	Charles Traylor
John Werth	Donald Woodford	

ELDERS REPRESENTING CHURCHES (6)

Devils Lake	Jean Baker
East Grand Forks	Marilyn Ogden
Grand Forks	Pat O'Donnell
Towner	Elaine Hendrickson
Walhalla	Odella Dalzell
West Fargo	Dixon Moorhead

COMMISSIONED LAY PASTORS

Kevin Kaufmann
Dixon Moorhead

ELDER OFFICERS

Dixon Moorhead (West Fargo)	Moderator*
Don Hariman (Grand Forks)	Nominating
Cheryl Biller (Moorhead)	Synod Commissioner

*Also represented church as Elder Commissioner

NON-MEMBER PASTORS

Judy Moos (Walhalla)

PRESBYTERY OFFICERS

Charles Traylor	Executive Presbyter
Michael Lochow	Stated Clerk

CANDIDATES

Keri Shelton Under care of Missouri River Valley

ROLL
continued

VISITORS (4)

Mary Barrett (EGF), Kathy Cummings (EGF), Shirley Stewart (Devils Lake), and Laurie Elhard (Staff).

Total Attendance - 25

QUORUM

A quorum was present.

AGENDA

The agenda as prepared by the Stated Clerk was approved without objection.

P-5.0404
compliance

The Stated Clerk noted that the First Presbyterian Church at Milton, North Dakota, has voted to close. In accordance with the provisions of P-5.0404 they provided the following information:

1. The reason for selling the church is that the congregation voted on April 23, 2007, to disband due to the low membership and finances.
2. No minimum selling price was set as it is highly unlikely the church will sell.
3. The proceeds of the sale (if any) will be used to meet financial obligations to Presbytery and , if there is an excess, the session voted to give a donation to the local senior citizens' center and Jamestown College.
4. There are no outstanding mortgages or encumbrances.

The Presbytery **approved** the following:

Milton
permission to
sell church

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Closing
commission

2. To appoint a closing commission of seven persons for the First Presbyterian Church at Milton, North Dakota, with the responsibilities as set forth in P-6.0500 of the Manual of Operations of the Presbytery of the Northern Plains. The members of the closing commission are:

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Gretchen Graf (clergy, Grand Forks) chair; Darrel Cory (clergy, Angus) ;Don Woodford (clergy, Hallock); Helen Torrance (elder, Milton) ; Barb Ault (elder, Cavalier); Pat O'Donnell (elder, Grand Forks); and Dorothy Robinson (elder, Hamilton.

Members of
**Milton
Commission**

The meeting was adjourned at 2:51 p.m. with prayer offered by Dixon Moorhead.

Adjournment

ATTEST: _____
Michael R. Lochow, Stated Clerk

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