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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 2:00 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 Mary Barrett (Mendenhall, EGF) and Darlyne Hariman (First, Grand Forks), a Special Meeting of the Presbytery of the Northern Plains has been called for Monday, August 27, 2007, at 2:00 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church, Grand Forks, North Dakota, for the following purposes:

- (1) to examine candidate Keri Shelton pursuant to G-14.0482, Examination for Ordination and G-14.0483, Presbytery of Call, for ordination in preparation for her ordination by her presbytery of care, Missouri River Valley Presbytery;
- (2) to receive the report of the Committee on Ministry concerning the terms of call for candidate Keri Shelton;
- (3) to request that pursuant to G-14.0483 the Presbytery of Missouri River Valley ordain candidate Keri Shelton;
- (4) to give candidate Keri Shelton permission to moderate the session at Mendenhall Presbyterian Church after her ordination and prior to her installation; and
- (5) 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 2:12 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

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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.

(Voice to
Shelton

A **motion** to give privilege of the floor and voice to Keri Shelton passed.

AGENDA

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

Shelton
examination

Keri Shelton, a candidate under care of the Missouri River Valley Presbytery (MRV), has received a "call" to the Mendenhall Presbyterian Church at East Grand Forks, Minnesota. Having fulfilled all of the requirements for ordination in conjunction with the Committee on Preparation for Ministry (CPM) of the MRV, Mary Holtey, Northern Plains CPM chair, presented Keri Shelton, to be examined for ordination as Minister of Word and Sacrament.

Presbytery **approved** the following:

Holtey
motions

1. To proceed with the ordination examination of Keri Shelton in accordance with the provisions of G-14.0482 and G-14.0483, in preparation for her ordination by her presbytery of care, Missouri River Valley Presbytery;
2. After examination, to cease the examination and to certify Keri Shelton ready for ordination as Minister of Word and Sacrament in the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.);
3. To receive the report of the Committee on Ministry concerning the terms of call for candidate Keri Shelton;

Receive
terms of call

Salary \$42,000
Housing Allowance Designated from salary

Request
MRV
ordain

Expense Allowance \$ 3,200
Moving Costs up to \$ 9,000
Study Leave Allowance \$ 1,500
½ FICA \$ 3,213

Shelton
moderate

Study Leave 2 weeks per year
Vacation 4 weeks per year

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4. To request that pursuant to G-14.0483 the Presbytery of Missouri River Valley ordain candidate Keri Shelton on September 1, 2007, at the Red Oak Presbyterian Church, Red Oak, Iowa; and
5. To give candidate Keri Shelton permission fo moderate the session at Mendenhall Presbyterian Church after her ordination and prior to her installation

The meeting was adjourned at 2:43 p.m. with prayer offered by Gretchen Graf

Adjournment

ATTEST: _____
Michael R. Lochow, Stated Clerk

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