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PRESBYTERY OF THE NORTHERN PLAINS
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MEETING**

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 26, 2009, beginning at 7:00 p.m.

**PURPOSE
& CALL**

In accordance with the Form of Government (G-11.0200) the purpose of the special meeting was set forth in notices sent to each minister and the session of every church on August 6, 2009, 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 28, 2009, to wit: the Revs. Deanna Reikow (First, Mandan) and Gretchen Graf (First, Grand Forks) and Elders Pat O'Donnell (First, Grand Forks) and Linda Anderson (First, Hallock), a Special Meeting of the Presbytery of the Northern Plains has been called for Wednesday, August 26, 2009, at 7:00 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church, Grand Forks, North Dakota, for the following purposes:

- (1) to examine candidate Adam Copeland pursuant to G-14.0482, Examination for Ordination and G-14.0483, Presbytery of Call, for ordination in preparation for his ordination by his presbytery of care, Presbytery of Florida;
- (2) to request that pursuant to G-14.0483 the Presbytery of Florida ordain candidate Adam Copeland;
- (3) to give candidate Adam Copeland permission to moderate the session at First Presbyterian Church, Hallock, Minnesota, after his ordination and prior to his installation;
- (4) to appointment a commission for the purposes of installing the Rev. Deborah Burger to the United Parish at Bottineau, North Dakota;
- (5) to commission Certified Lay Pastor Casey Chapman to the Bismarck area churches; and
- (6) to conduct any business which may be properly undertaken as a result of these actions.

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Pursuant to G-11.0201 (Book of Order) no other action may be taken at this meeting.

CALL TO
ORDER

The meeting was called to order with prayer led by Moderator Pat O'Donnell at 7:05 p.m.

ROLL

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

MINISTERS (12)

Deborah Burger	Dan Billings	Darrel Cory
Gretchen Graf	Mary Jo Holtey	Paul Kuhn
Steve Minnema	Donna Monteith	Deanna Reikow
Kari Shelton	Gyun H. Tak	Dan Wolpert

Excused: Jake Kincaid

ELDERS REPRESENTING CHURCHES (8)

Arvilla	Arlene Paulson
Cavalier	Marian E. McKechnie
Devils Lake	Jean Baker
Grand Forks	Hazel Merdink
Hallock	Linda Anderson
Hunter	Murray Moen
Minto	Ellen Misialek
Tower City	Excused/Durwood Otterness
Towner	Elaine Hendrickson

COMMISSIONED LAY PASTORS

Barb Ault
Cathy Bliss
Kevin Kaufmann - Excused
Tom Potter

ELDER OFFICERS

Pat O'Donnell	Moderator
Don Hariman	NomCom/Session Records

NON-MEMBER PASTORS

None

FORMER MODERATORS

Vicki Bunker (Gilby) - 2006

ROLL
continued

PRESBYTERY OFFICERS

Steve Minnema Interim Executive Presbyter
Michael Lochow Stated Clerk

CANDIDATES

Adam Copeland Under care of Florida Presbytery

VISITORS (19)

From Hallock: Dorothy Bergh, Katherine LNU, Kristi Morrison, Larry Nelson, and Janice Youngren. **Grand Forks:** Bonnie Jacob-Forseth, Scott Halstead, Emily Parnell, JoAnn Parnell, John Parnell, Sara Parnell, Bob Sheppard, Susan Skinner, and John Whitcomb. Leo Jostad (Bottineau), Kim Hojin (Hope Korean), Marilyn C. Nelson (Gilby), Spouse of Adam Copeland

Total Attendance - 46

QUORUM

A quorum was present.

Voice to
Copeland &
Elders

A motion to grant privilege of the floor and voice to Adam Copeland and the elders from the Hallock church, was **approved**.

Without objection item 5 on the Notice of Special Meeting was moved to the October presbytery meeting.

Copeland
examination

Adam Copeland, a candidate under care of the Florida Presbytery and certified as ready for ordination upon receipt of an appropriate call, has been offered the position of 3/4 time (4 days per week) stated supply pastor at the First Presbyterian Church of Hallock, Minnesota. Mr. Copeland has been interviewed by the COM and found to be an acceptable candidate for this position.

Following the reading of his statement of faith, a motion to proceed with the examination of Adam Copeland pursuant to G-14.0482, Examination for Ordination and G-14.0483, Presbytery of Call, for ordination in preparation for his ordination by his presbytery of care, Presbytery of Florida, was **approved**.

Following the examination, a motion was **approved** to arrest the examination.

A motion to sustain the examination was **approved**.

Presbytery then **approved** the following:

Contract
Terms

1. The contract for 3/4 time (4 days per week) stated supply pastoral

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services between Adam Copeland and the First Presbyterian Church of Hallock, Minnesota, effective September 15, 2009 to September 14, 2010, with the following terms:

- Cash Salary \$ 14, 096
- Housing, rent, utilities, furnishings \$ 12, 446
- SECA \$ 2,727
- Health Insurance \$ 2,880
- Retirement Savings \$ 6,000
- Travel Allowance \$ 2,000 (vouchered at IRS rate)
- Professional Expense \$ 1,000 (vouchered)
- Continuing Education \$ 750
- Total Package \$ 41,899

2. The Florida Presbytery be informed of the above actions and request that they proceed to ordain Mr. Adam Copeland to the office of minister of word and sacrament. (Tentatively scheduled for September 6 in Tallahassee.) Request to Florida Presbytery
3. Upon receipt of his credentials from the Florida Presbytery, the Reverend Adam Copeland be presented with the contract with the Hallock church and enrolled as an active member of the Presbytery of the Northern Plains. Member of PNP
4. The Presbytery of the Northern Plains dismiss with thanks for her moderatorial services the Rev. Gretchen Graf, effective September 4, 2009. Dismiss **Graf**
5. The Presbytery of the Northern Plains appoints as moderator of the Hallock church, the Rev. Adam Copeland, effective September 15, 2009. **Copeland** moderator
6. The Presbytery of the Northern Plains terminates with thanks the commission of CLP Barbara Ault with the Hallock Church, effective September 14, 2009. **Ault** commission ended

The following persons were appointed to the Commission to install the Rev. Deborah Burger on August 30, 2009, at 5:00 p.m. at the United Parish, in Bottineau, North Dakota: Commission to install **Burger**

Revs. Paul Kuhn, Nancy Emerson, Carol Wendel (corresponding member) and Deborah Burger; Elders Pat O'Donnell (Moderator, Grand Forks), Kari Jostad (Chair of PNC, Bottineau), and Linda Bonebrake (Minot). Ray Russell (UMC) ex-officio member.

Presbytery members were encouraged to attend Rev. Burger's installation.

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The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m. with prayer offered by Moderator
Pat O'Donnell.

Adjournment

ATTEST: _____
Michael R. Lochow, Stated Clerk

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