

**CALL TO A SPECIAL MEETING OF  
THE PRESBYTERY OF GRAND CANYON**

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2008 AT 2:00 PM**

**Celebration of Life Presbyterian Church**

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**TO:** Clerks of Session, Minister Members, Elder Commissioners and Other Presbyters  
**FROM:** Richard E. Coffelt, Stated Clerk  
**DATE:** January 31, 2008  
**RE:** Call to February 21, 2008 Special Meeting

**At the request of the Committee on Ministry, the Presbytery of Grand Canyon is hereby called to meet at 2:00 p.m., with registration beginning at 1:30 p.m., on Thursday, February 21, 2008 at Celebration of Life Presbyterian Church to act on the Committee's recommendation to approve an Administrative Commission to John Calvin Presbyterian Church.** The Committee on Ministry's recommendation is that the Presbytery of Grand Canyon approve in accordance with Form of Government G-9.0503a (4) an Administrative Commission, made up of seven (7) members, to John Calvin Presbyterian Church, which is reported to be affected with disorder, for the purpose of inquiring into and settling the difficulties therein. That in accordance with G-11.0103(s) the Presbytery assume original jurisdiction of the session and appoint this Administrative Commission to act as the Session of John Calvin Presbyterian Church with the full power of a session. The appointment of an Administrative Commission of this nature requires the approval of the Presbytery in session and may not be delegated.

Enclosed with this Call to the Special Meeting, which is also posted on the Presbytery Web-site at <http://www.pbygrandcanyon.org/meetings.html>, are the following:

- *“Committee on Ministry – Proposed Administrative Commission for Approval at the February 21, 2008 Special Meeting”* with background and rationale.
- (P-3) Addendum to the Consent Agenda of January 19, 2008 containing the Report of the October 6, 2007 Investigating Committee Justin Schlesinger-Devlin Request for Vindication
- Directions to Celebration of Life Presbyterian Church

As this is a Special Meeting called only for the purpose of acting on the recommendation of the Committee on Ministry for the approval of an Administrative Commission, no other business will be conducted. Please note, as reflected in last paragraph of the Background and Rationale section of the Proposed Administrative Commission paper, that the Session of John Calvin Presbyterian Church concurs with the Committee on Ministry's recommendation to form an Administrative Commission assuming original jurisdiction to work with the Session of John Calvin Presbyterian Church to resolve conflicts within the Session. Therefore it is anticipated that this will be a meeting of short duration. A quorum for this meeting is: “.....any fifteen minister members and the elder members present, provided that at least fifteen churches are represented by elders” (Presbytery of Grand Canyon Bylaws - B-2.0200).

The Committee on Ministry recognizes that this is a Special Meeting, probably of short duration, that is taking place on a weekday afternoon making it inconvenient for some presbyters to attend. **However it is important that a quorum be present; therefore we ask that presbyters who are able and planning to attend to respond positively by advising Marcia McCabe either by phone at 602-468-3820 or by email at [marciam@pbygc.org](mailto:marciam@pbygc.org) of their plan to attend, with all others who are not planning to attend requesting an excused absence.** (As is the usual practice, Honorably Retired Ministers are not required to request an excused absence).

The Special Meeting begins at 2:00 p.m. with Registration beginning at 1:30 p.m. **Please bring the Call Papers as attached (or posted on the Presbytery Web-site) with you, as there will be no packet distributed upon registration.**