

*October 6, 2006*

**QUICKLINE  
SPECIAL**

*First Presbyterian Church*

*Mineral Ridge*

**A brief summary of the special meeting of Eastminster Presbytery**

**A properly called special meeting of Eastminster Presbytery was convened with worship and prayer by Vice-Moderator the Rev. Deborah Dockstader who moderated the meeting at Moderator Peggy Richmond's request.**

**Moderator Dockstader called upon the Rev. Nick Mager, Moderator of the Committee on Ministry, to report.**

**Motion prevailed to concur with the actions of both Eastminster Presbytery's Trustees and the Presbytery Coordinating Council in retaining legal counsel. Legal counsel is needed because a lawsuit has been brought against Eastminster by Hudson Presbyterian Church preventing Eastminster Presbytery from exercising its authority under the constitution of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). in relationship to the Hudson Presbyterian Church.**

**Nick Mager called upon General Presbyter Dan Schomer to share a brief time line of the events that took place between September 24 and the October 6 Presbytery meeting relative to the lawsuit and temporary restraining order filed by the Hudson Presbyterian Church and Eastminster Presbytery's response to the Hudson Church lawsuit.**

**Nick Mager then called upon the Rev. Lynn Thompson Bryant to report on the meeting between the Hudson Presbyterian Church Session and the Consulting Commission formed by Eastminster Presbytery at its September 12, 2006, meeting.**

**Due to the partial lifting of the temporary restraining order on October 6, the following motion was made, amended and approved:**

**“that the Moderator of Eastminster Presbytery appoint an Administrative Commission to attend, with the consent of the session of the Hudson Presbyterian Church, all meetings of the congregation, session, and committees of the Hudson Presbyterian Church; to be in conversation with the pastor and session; and, with the consent of the Session of the Hudson Presbyterian Church, to have full access to all church records; and that the Presbytery maintain the authority to assign other responsibilities to this commission in the future.”**

**The Rev. Harry Eberts (honorably retired) and Elder James Cochran (Hudson Church) offered to hand deliver the above action of Eastminster Presbytery to the Hudson Session in order to interpret the conciliatory intent of this action.**

**Being no further business, the meeting concluded with the singing of “They Will Know We Are Christians By Our Love.”**

***The next stated meeting of Eastminster Presbytery will be held on November 14, 2006, at the Petersburg Presbyterian Church.***