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Dr. Michael A. Milton Selected as the James M. Baird, Jr. Chair of Pastoral Theology

[Charlotte, NC—November 20, 2009]—Dr. Michael A. Milton, President and Professor of Pastoral Theology at Reformed Theological Seminary in Charlotte, NC, has been appointed to the James M. Baird, Jr. Chair of Pastoral Theology. This Chair was previously filled by Dr. Frank N. Kik. Dr. Baird was the former pastor of First Presbyterian Church in Jackson and influential leader in the founding of the PCA. Dr. Baird is on the Board of African Bible Colleges, is Dean of the Chapel at Belhaven College, and presently serves on the board of Reformed Theological Seminary in Jackson, Mississippi.

“I am honored and humbled to be associated with Dr. James Baird in this way. He is not only a father in the Presbyterian Church in America, but more importantly, Dr. Baird’s name is associated with a legacy of extraordinary, Spirit-filled, Christ-honoring, Bible-believing pastoral ministry” Dr. Milton said. “As a preacher, a shepherd of Christ’s flock, and a churchman, leading North American Christianity in some of its most troubling times in the 20th and early 21st century, James M. Baird modeled pastoral humility and prophetic boldness. I pray that by occupying this chair, I may remind students, pastors and the people of God, through his legacy, that the glory and joy of a pastor is, as it was with Dr. Baird and I pray it will be with me, the people of God.”

Former Senior Pastor of the historic First Presbyterian Church of Chattanooga, Tennessee, Milton also founded two churches and a school. Prior to his call to the ministry, he was an executive with two Fortune 500 companies, and a top-secret linguist in the Navy. He accepted the call to become President of Reformed Theological Seminary in November 2007. Dr. Milton is the author of nine books including his autobiography *What God Starts, God Completes: Help and Hope for Hurting People* (Christian Focus Publications, 2007). His teaching can be heard on select radio stations in the U.S. and over the Internet at www.thecall.rts.edu. Milton often illustrates his sermons with original songs and has released two CDs on the label Music for Missions called “He Shall Restore” and “Follow Your Call” available through iTunes. He resides in the Charlotte area with his wife and son.

Reformed Theological Seminary is one of the largest seminaries in the nation, with campuses in Charlotte, Jackson, Orlando, Atlanta, and Washington, D. C. The seminary, which began in 1966, ministers to almost 3,000 students from over 60 denominations. The Virtual Campus of RTS offers a fully accredited Masters of Arts through distance education. Learn more about RTS Charlotte at <http://www.rts.edu/charlotte>.

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