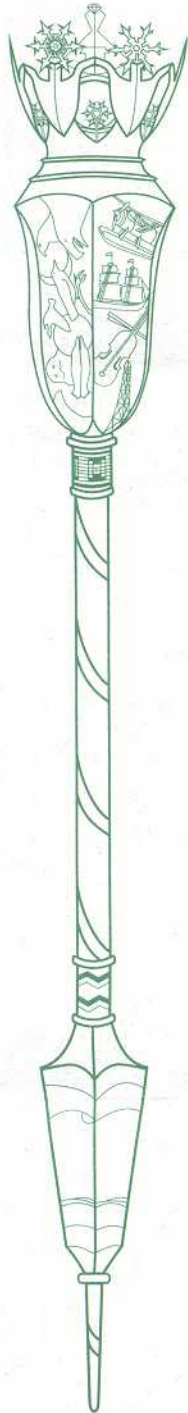




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May 7, 2009

Arne Bryan
Founder/Director of Prayer Canada
BOX 237
SURREY BC V3T 4W8

Dear Mr. Bryan:

Access to Legislative Assembly Building for Prayer

Your letter dated April 16, 2009, addressed to Minister Michael Miltenberger, was forwarded to my office for a response. As Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, I am responsible for the building, its people and all who enter.

Your request to hold prayers in our Legislature is welcomed. Public access to the building is limited to the Great Hall and the Visitors' Gallery in the Chamber. The building is open seven days a week with the following hours of operation:

Monday-Friday	6:00 am – 10:00 pm
Saturday-Sunday	8:00 am – 8:00 pm
Statutory holidays	8:00 am – 6:00 pm

Although the Great Hall is a venue for many public events, we wish to accommodate and to avoid any conflicting events or displays. There are required steps and procedures to follow before permission is granted for the use of the Great Hall of the Legislative Assembly for an event. A written request to the Speaker must indicate what the event is, the date and timing and the number of people expected to attend. The Speaker's office will provide a response advising on approval. This must be received by the requesting organization prior to the event, and event organizers must also contact the Sergeant-at-Arms to confirm set-up requirements and to receive a copy of the Terms of Use for our facility.

For clarification, the Legislative Assembly building is not owned by the taxpayers but by a group of investors, the 'Legislative Assembly Building Society'.

If you have any questions, please contact my Executive Assistant, Sue Tkachuk at 867-669-2234 or by e-mail at sue_tkachuk@gov.nt.ca.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "PA Delorey".

Paul Delorey
Speaker of the Legislative Assembly
of the Northwest Territories

cc: Honourable J. Michael Miltenberger
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly
Sergeant-at-Arms
Executive Assistant to the Speaker