

1 **OVERTURE 13** from Mississippi Valley Presbytery

(to MNA)

2 “Endorse Lifeline Children’s Services”

3  
4 **Whereas** the Presbyterian Church in America has responded to sanctity of life issues through  
5 its work and actions not only in thesis but in deed; and

6  
7 **Whereas** the PCA has a deep concern for not only opposing abortion but in providing positive  
8 alternatives to abortion for those women who experience unwanted pregnancies; and

9  
10 **Whereas** one avenue of implementing alternatives was in the endorsement of Bethany  
11 Christian Services for the past several decades; and

12  
13 **Whereas** BCS did not pursue the endorsement of the PCA at the 47th GA; and

14  
15 **Whereas** there is value for PCA churches in knowing who the denomination endorses in  
16 ministering to women in distress; and

17  
18 **Whereas** there is currently a ministry in place available to provide assistance for these  
19 situations; and

20  
21 **Whereas** Lifeline Children’s Services is such a ministry which was birthed out of the ministry  
22 of Briarwood Presbyterian Church of Birmingham, Alabama, in 1983;

23  
24 **Be it therefore resolved** that the MNA Permanent Committee explore the advisability of  
25 endorsing Lifeline Children’s Services as a possible resource for PCA churches.

26  
27 *Adopted by The Presbytery of the Mississippi Valley at its stated meeting, February 4, 2020*

28 *Attested by /s/ TE Roger G. Collins, stated clerk*