

1 **OVERTURE 31** from Northwest Georgia Presbytery (to CCB, OC)
2 “Amend *BCO* 22 Process for Assistant to Associate Pastor”
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4 **Whereas**, a congregation may wish to elevate, by promotion-in-place, an assistant pastor,
5 previously and duly called by the session, and now faithfully serving the congregation;
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8 **Whereas**, the *BCO* does not presently provide a process for this specific change in relation
9 from assistant pastor to associate pastor; and
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11 **Whereas**, the *BCO* does not prohibit such a change in relation from assistant pastor to
12 associate pastor; and
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14 **Whereas**, application of *BCO* 20-2 in this specific case is not appropriate because called
15 pastors currently serve the church and no search is required; and
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17 **Whereas**, a *BCO* process specifically suited to this case would be helpful to a congregation
18 and its session to conduct its rightful business without undue confusion, work, or
19 delay;
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21 **Therefore, let it be resolved that** an existing assistant pastor, who has provided satisfactory
22 service for one-year in this congregation, may be elected by the congregation as an
23 associate pastor at the recommendation of the Session without the election of a pulpit
24 committee.
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26 Such that a new sentence (underlined) be added to *BCO* 22-2 to read:
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28 The pastor and associate pastor are elected by the congregation using the form
29 of call in *BCO* 20-6. An existing assistant pastor, who has provided satisfactory
30 service for one-year in this congregation, may be elected by the congregation
31 as an associate pastor at the recommendation of the Session without the election
32 of a pulpit committee. Being elected by the congregation they become members
33 of the Session.
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35 *Adopted by Northwest Georgia Presbytery at its stated meeting, August 15, 2020*

36 *Approved by Northwest Georgia Presbytery at its January 16, 2021, meeting*

37 *Attested by /s/ TE David E. Gilbert, stated clerk*