

1 **OVERTURE 1** from Palmetto Presbytery (to AC)
2 “Docket Overtures Committee Report as a GA Order of the Day”
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4 **Whereas**, the work of the Overtures Committee of the PCA General Assembly is acknowledged
5 by all to be one of the most important works of the entire General Assembly; and
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7 **Whereas**, because many churches send their TEs and REs primarily, though not exclusively,
8 to vote on overtures brought before the General Assembly by the Overtures
9 Committee; and
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11 **Whereas**, the schedule of the PCA General Assembly is inefficient and confusing, leaving
12 the most important work of the Assembly until the very end of the Assembly, when
13 commissioners are often tired and worn down; and
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15 **Whereas**, leaving the most important work of the Assembly until the end of the schedule
16 causes robust debate on both overtures and minority reports to be muted, limited,
17 hampered, and abruptly halted; and
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19 **Whereas**, the Overtures Committee needs the opportunity to reconvene during the Assembly
20 to reconsider what will be presented to the entire Assembly, and thus should not be
21 too early in the General Assembly schedule;
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23 **Therefore, be it resolved** that Palmetto Presbytery (PCA) overture the 49th General
24 Assembly to make the report of the Overtures Committee regularly the order of the
25 day at 9:00 a.m. on the Thursday of each General Assembly.
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27 *Adopted by Palmetto Presbytery at its stated meeting, November 11, 2021*

28 *Attested by TE Louis Igou Hodges, stated clerk*