

1 **OVERTURE 11** from Korean Capital Presbytery (to CCB, OC)
2 “Amend *BCO* 25-2.e and Add a New Item *BCO* 25-2.f, New Percentage Threshold
3 for Calling Large Church Congregational Meetings”
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5 **Whereas**, based on the 2018 GA report, there are 1,912 churches comprising of 374,736
6 members, i.e. the average member for each church is 196; and
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8 **Whereas**, the current threshold of communing members requesting the Session to call
9 congregational meeting seems adequate for most of churches in the PCA especially
10 for the church having less than 700 communing member wherein the range of variance
11 of percentage proportion is from 14% to 25% of the whole congregation; and
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13 **Whereas**, to the contrary, if a church has more than 5,000 communing members as an example,
14 requiring mere 100 communing members according to the current threshold standard
15 would be very disproportionate and unreasonable to the rest of the 4,900 congregation
16 members since 100 members out of 5,000 members represents only 2% of the whole
17 congregation; and
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19 **Whereas**, the opinions of 2% of the minority group of the whole congregation is not to be
20 belittled, but not up to the point where a congregational meeting has to be called, it
21 would create unhealthy church culture where a church would be swayed by a very
22 small fraction of the congregation; and
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24 **Whereas**, it is also noted that coming to a consensus by 100 members out of 5,000 members
25 could be easily feasible, which may lead to frequent and often unnecessary
26 congregational meeting calls, and
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28 **Whereas**, the frequent congregational meetings would undermine a harmonious and
29 cooperative governing body of church by disrupting the regular worship services, and
30 also it may endanger the stability and peace of a church by disparaging opinions and
31 wills of majority congregation, and
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33 **Whereas**, the proposed amendment would provide a fair, appropriate and reasonable
34 representation of minority church members for a congregation having more than 700
35 communing members; and
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37 **Therefore**, Korean Capital Presbytery overtures to amend *BCO* 25-2 (e) and to add an
38 additional clause (f) as follows (underlining for new wording):
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40 e. by one hundred (100) of the communing members of a church of more than
41 seven hundred (700) such members- but not more than one thousand (1,000)
42 such members,
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44 f. by one-tenth (1/10) of the communing members of a church of more than
45 one thousand (1,000) such members.
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47 *Adopted by Korean Capital Presbytery at its stated meeting, April 8, 2019*

48 *Attested by /s/ TE Dong Woo Kim, stated clerk*