

1 **OVERTURE 36** from Southeast Alabama Presbytery (to SJC)
2 "BCO 34-1 Request to Assume Original Jurisdiction over TE Greg Johnson"
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4 **Whereas** in his responses to Missouri Presbytery’s July 21, 2020, BCO 31-2 investigation of
5 allegations against him, TE Greg Johnson affirmed in some matters he was either
6 unclear, imprecise, or his perspectives have matured over time (SJC Judicial Case
7 2020-12, pg. 10, lines 40-45), and
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9 **Whereas** in his responses to the Standing Judicial Commission’s additional questions,
10 TE Greg Johnson affirmed his belief in the Bible’s teaching on human sexuality with
11 regard to same-sex attraction (homosexual orientation, inter alia) and qualifications
12 for ordained ministerial office, as summarized in the Westminster Standards (e.g., SJC
13 Judicial Case 2020-12, pg. 14; lines 25-30; lines 42-45, pg. 15; lines 1-20, etc.), and
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15 **Whereas** in his responses to the Standing Judicial Commission’s additional questions,
16 TE Greg Johnson specifically denied identifying as a “gay Christian,” including using
17 this couplet of words (SJC Judicial Case 2020-12, pg. 17; lines 42-46, pg. 16; lines 1-
18 11), and
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20 **Whereas** in his responses to the Standing Judicial Commission’s additional questions,
21 TE Greg Johnson affirmed the necessity of a man ordained to ministerial office to be
22 above reproach (SJC Judicial Case 2020-12, pg. 24; lines 38-46, pg. 25; lines 1-46,
23 pg. 26; lines 1-30), and
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25 **Whereas** in his responses to the Standing Judicial Commission’s additional questions,
26 TE Greg Johnson affirmed that some of his public comments had upset the peace of
27 the PCA, and offered a commitment to repair such harm and work to commit no further
28 harm (SJC Judicial Case 2020-12, pg. 27; lines 25-34), and
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30 **Whereas** since the record of the case of the original Missouri Presbytery investigation of him
31 (July 21, 2020), and even subsequent to the Standing Judicial Commission judicial
32 case 2020-12 (October 21, 2021), TE Greg Johnson has made numerous public
33 comments that appear to either contradict or at least offer confusion to his previous
34 affirmations in these matters (see examples in the attached addendum), and
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36 **Whereas** the Standing Judicial Commission found Missouri Presbytery did err by failing to
37 “do what it needed to do to protect the peace and purity of the broader Church,
38 particularly in light of the responsibilities set forth in BCO 11-3, 4” pertaining to
39 Revoice 18 (SJC Judicial Case 2020-05 (March 3, 2022); pg. 11; lines 26-35), and

40 **Whereas** TE Greg Johnson uses the same confusing and misleading terminology as Revoice 18
41 throughout his book, *Still Time to Care: What We Can Learn from the Church’s Failed*
42 *Attempt to Cure Homosexuality* (Zondervan, 12/7/21) [“homosexual Christian” p. 25,
43 “gay believer” pp. 8, 14, “homosexual believers” pp. 9, 116, “sexual minorities” pp.
44 33, 221, 230],

1 **Therefore be it resolved** that Southeast Alabama Presbytery requests that the General
2 Assembly assume original jurisdiction in the case of the doctrinal error of Teaching
3 Elder Greg Johnson per *BCO* 34-1.

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5 *Commission of Southeast Alabama approved to draft and submit this request by Presbytery*
6 *at its stated meeting, October 22, 2019.*

7 *Commission of Southeast Alabama Presbytery voted to submit this request, April 14, 2022.*

8 *Attested by /s/ TE Kevin Corley, stated clerk.*

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10 Attachment: Addendum, examples of public comments from TE Greg Johnson either
11 contradicting or offering confusion to his affirmations to Missouri Presbytery's BCO
12 31-2 investigation (July 21, 2020), and the Standing Judicial Commission judicial case
13 2020-12 (October 21, 2021)

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Attachment
(Overture 36 to 49th General Assembly)

Examples of public comments from TE Greg Johnson either contradicting or offering confusion to his affirmations to Missouri Presbytery’s BCO 31-2 investigation (July 21, 2020), and the Standing Judicial Commission judicial case 2020-12 (October 21, 2021)

- 11/05/21 Comments in an article, published in the *Washington Post*, “Traditional ‘Side B’ LGBTQ Christians experience a renaissance,” by Kathryn Post (originally published by Religion News Service, <https://religionnews.com/2021/11/05/traditional-side-b-lgbtq-christians-experience-a-renaissance/>).
- 11/18/21 Comments in a blog post, published on *The Center For Faith, Sexuality & Gender* blog site, “Equivocation and the Ex-Gay Script” (<https://www.centerforfaith.com/blog/equivocation-and-the-ex-gay-script>)
- 12/03/21 Comments in a podcast interview, published on *The Hole in My Heart Podcast*, “Episode 189: The Church Wasn’t Always So Bad at the LGBTQ Conversation with Greg Johnson” (<https://lauriekrieg.com/podcast/the-church-wasnt-always-so-terrible-at-the-lgbtq-conversation-with-greg-johnson/>)
- 12/07/21 Comments in his book, *Still Time to Care: What We Can Learn from the Church’s Failed Attempt to Cure Homosexuality* (Zondervan, 12/7/21).
- 12/22/21 Comments in an article, published in *USA Today*, “I’m a gay, celibate pastor of a conservative church. Here’s a trick for de-escalation.” (<https://www.usatoday.com/story/opinion/voices/2021/12/22/family-holidays-god-patience-compassion/6496994001/?gnt-cfr=1.>)
- 12/29/21 Comment on Facebook page, “As you consider final year end giving, please support Revoice. No movement has done more to shift conservative Christian thinking from the false hope of ex-gay cures to the great tradition of care for non-straight people committed to living out the biblical sexual ethic within the church. This ministry has meant a great deal to me, and your consideration will be deeply appreciated.”
- 01/02/22 Comments in a podcast interview, published on *The Hopper Podcast*, “41 Greg Johnson, Still Time to Care / Linus in the Resurrection” (<https://podcasts.captivate.fm/media/4b17fc7d-79da-4c3a-8ab0-74ebf4a0cb92/02-greg-johnson.mp3>).
- 01/04/22 Comments in a podcast interview, published on *Conversations About Life*, “Being Gay and Christian w/ Pastor Greg Johnson” (<https://willjackson.com/being-gay-and-christian-w-pastor-greg-johnson/>).

- 1 01/25/22 Comments in a podcast interview, published on *The Learner's Corner with Caleb*
2 *Mason*, “Episode 269: Greg Johnson On What We Can Learn From the Church's
3 Failed Attempt to Cure Homosexuality” ([https://podcast.app/greg-johnson-on-](https://podcast.app/greg-johnson-on-what-we-can-learn-from-the-churchs-failed-attempt-to-cure-homosexuality-e202358953/)
4 [what-we-can-learn-from-the-churchs-failed-attempt-to-cure-homosexuality-](https://podcast.app/greg-johnson-on-what-we-can-learn-from-the-churchs-failed-attempt-to-cure-homosexuality-e202358953/)
5 [e202358953/](https://podcast.app/greg-johnson-on-what-we-can-learn-from-the-churchs-failed-attempt-to-cure-homosexuality-e202358953/)).
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- 7 02/12/22 Comments in a booklet, *On Mission with the LGBTQ+ Community* (Zondervan,
8 supplement to *Still Time to Care*). ([https://www.facebook.com/permalink.php?](https://www.facebook.com/permalink.php?story_fbid=3140676279584649&id=100009269249854&__cft__[0]=AZXHombYoEDWNCvkRpzWIYG8mCooDtS2qQk_KzE6Lcn8KadXolEqezT3elg4dvGvKFRISxCyDHC6LcfCIunLwthjBCwcxaJKRSz2aABvF0_GC-5IvMsxxmlCyTGwR41H7x0&__tn__=%2CO%2CP-R,https://drive.google.com/file/d/1gu0ZH6igfWes0vypOUnEtnTEMigw9fVu/view)
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