

1 **OVERTURE 37** from Grace Presbytery (to SJC)  
2 "BCO 34-1 Request to Assume Original Jurisdiction over TE Greg Johnson"  
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4 [Note: This overture is almost identical to Overture 36.]  
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6 **Whereas** in his responses to Missouri Presbytery's July 21, 2020, BCO 31-2 investigation of  
7 allegations against him, TE Greg Johnson affirmed in some matters he was either  
8 unclear, imprecise, or his perspectives have matured over time (SJC Judicial Case  
9 2020-12, pg. 10, lines 40-45), and  
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11 **Whereas** in his responses to the Standing Judicial Commission's additional questions,  
12 TE Greg Johnson affirmed his belief in the Bible's teaching on human sexuality  
13 regarding same-sex attraction (homosexual orientation, inter alia) and qualifications  
14 for ordained ministerial office, as summarized in the Westminster Standards (e.g., SJC  
15 Judicial Case 2020-12, pg. 14; lines 25-30; lines 42-45, pg. 15; lines 1-20, etc.), and  
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17 **Whereas** in his responses to the Standing Judicial Commission's additional questions,  
18 TE Greg Johnson specifically denied identifying as a "gay Christian," including using  
19 this couplet of words (SJC Judicial Case 2020-12, pg. 17; lines 42-46, pg. 16; lines 1-  
20 11), and  
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22 **Whereas** in his responses to the Standing Judicial Commission's additional questions,  
23 TE Greg Johnson affirmed the necessity of a man ordained to ministerial office to be  
24 above reproach (SJC Judicial Case 2020-12, pg. 24; lines 38-46, pg. 25; lines 1-46, pg.  
25 26; lines 1-30),  
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27 **Whereas** in his responses to the Standing Judicial Commission's additional questions,  
28 TE Greg Johnson affirmed that some of his public comments had upset the peace of  
29 the PCA, and offered a commitment to repair such harm and work to commit no further  
30 harm (SJC Judicial Case 2020-12, pg. 27; lines 25-34), and  
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32 **Whereas** since the record of the case of the original Missouri Presbytery investigation of him  
33 (July 21, 2020), and even after the Standing Judicial Commission judicial case 2020-12  
34 (October 21, 2021), TE Greg Johnson has made numerous public comments that  
35 appear to either contradict or at least offer confusion to his previous affirmations in  
36 these matters (see examples in the attached addendum), and  
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38 **Whereas** the Standing Judicial Commission found Missouri Presbytery did err by "failing to  
39 do what it needed to do to protect the peace and purity of the broader Church,  
40 particularly in light of the responsibilities set forth in BCO 11-3, 4" pertaining to  
41 Revoice 18 (SJC Judicial Case 2020-05; lines 26-35), and  
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43 **Whereas** TE Greg Johnson uses the same confusing and misleading terminology as Revoice 18,  
44 throughout his book, *Still Time to Care: What We Can Learn from the Church's Failed*  
45 *Attempt to Cure Homosexuality* (Zondervan, 12/7/21),

1 **Therefore, be it resolved** that Grace Presbytery requests that the General Assembly assume  
2 original jurisdiction in the case of the doctrinal error of Teaching Elder Greg Johnson,  
3 per *BCO* 34-1.  
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5 *Approved by Grace Presbytery at its stated meeting, May, 10, 2022*  
6 *Attested by /s/ RE Samuel J. Duncan, stated clerk*  
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8 Attachment: Addendum, examples of public comments from TE Greg Johnson either  
9 contradicting or offering confusion to his affirmations to Missouri Presbytery's *BCO*  
10 31-2 investigation (July 21, 2020), and the Standing Judicial Commission judicial case  
11 2020-12 (October 21, 2021)

**Attachment**  
**(Overture 37 to 49th General Assembly)**

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**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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