

1 **OVERTURE 40** from the Northern New England Presbytery (to SJC)
2 “Request for SJC to Assume Original Jurisdiction in CIP matters re Dan Herron”
3 [Revised title]
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5 [Note: This overture deals with the same matters as Overtures 38 and 39.]
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7 **Whereas**, the Word of God in I Corinthians 6:1-8 is clear in its injunction against Christians
8 suing one another in civil court where there exists an ecclesial court with jurisdiction,
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11 **Whereas**, TE Daniel Herron has been credibly accused of impropriety by several members
12 and/or regular attenders of Hope Presbyterian Church (Bloomington, IN), where he
13 served as pastor, and
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15 **Whereas**, the Central Indiana Presbytery instituted process against TE Herron on the basis of
16 those accusations and the Presbytery’s finding of a “strong presumption of guilt,” and
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18 **Whereas**, after the Central Indiana Presbytery found a “strong presumption of guilt” and had
19 instituted process, TE Herron filed suit in the Monroe County (Indiana) Circuit Court
20 against certain of his accusers,¹ claiming that their accusations caused him harm, and
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22 **Whereas**, allegations concerning the alleged sinful conduct of TE Daniel Herron together
23 with the Central Indiana Presbytery’s handling of the case have been widely reported
24 in public media, resulting in public scandal involving not only the accused, but also
25 the Central Indiana Presbytery and the Presbyterian Church in America, and
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27 **Whereas**, TE Herron is not under censure for his continued pursuit of civil litigation in the
28 above matter, and
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30 **Whereas**, *BCO* 34-1 provides mechanism for the General Assembly to assume original
31 jurisdiction when “the Presbytery refuses to act in doctrinal cases or cases of public
32 scandal”,
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34 **Therefore**, be it resolved that Northern New England Presbytery petitions the 49th General
35 Assembly to assume original jurisdiction of the case against TE Daniel Herron
36 immediately, so as to investigate the accusations thoroughly and to try the matter
37 impartially, for the express purpose of defending the honor of Christ, clearing the
38 public scandal, restoring the peace and purity of Christ’s Church, and providing the
39 care of a true shepherd to TE Daniel Herron and to his accusers.
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41 *Adopted by the Northern New England Presbytery at its stated meeting, May 21, 2022*
42 *Attested by /s/ TE C.S. Per Almquist, stated clerk*

¹ Case #53C01-2106-CT-001359, “Dan Herron v. Kara Million, Abigail Gschwend-Harris” (accessed at <http://mycase.in.gov>)