

1 **OVERTURE 8** from Covenant Presbytery (to MNA)
2 “Change Boundaries of Covenant and Mississippi Valley Presbyteries”
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4 **Whereas**, the geographic center of Covenant Presbytery has shifted significantly north and
5 west in recent years as evidenced by the frequency of stated meetings in the
6 Memphis area and parts of Arkansas; and
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8 **Whereas**, Choctaw, the county in Mississippi where Old Lebanon (the only PCA church in
9 the county) is located, is on the southernmost border of Covenant Presbytery and
10 borders The Presbytery of the Mississippi Valley on its southern and its western
11 border; and
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13 **Whereas**, the Session of Old Lebanon wants to have a more regular participation in the stated
14 meetings of Presbytery; and
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16 **Whereas**, the Session of Old Lebanon finds this participation difficult due to the locations
17 where many of the stated meetings of Covenant Presbytery are held; and
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19 **Whereas**, the locations of the stated meetings of The Presbytery of the Mississippi Valley are
20 usually closer to Ackerman, MS, and often significantly so, than the locations of
21 the stated meetings of Covenant Presbytery; and
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23 **Whereas**, Covenant Presbytery has in the past acted in similar situations to allow the transfer
24 of churches in Winona, MS; Columbia, TN; Fayetteville, AR; Charleston, AR; and
25 Stamps, AR, to presbyteries adjacent to Covenant Presbytery, and to receive a PCA
26 mission in Joplin, MO, into Covenant Presbytery from an adjacent presbytery;
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28 **Therefore be it resolved**, that Covenant Presbytery joins with the Session of Old Lebanon
29 Presbyterian Church, Ackerman, MS, to overture the 2024 General Assembly to
30 transfer Choctaw County in Mississippi from the geographic bounds of Covenant
31 Presbytery to the geographic bounds of The Presbytery of the Mississippi Valley.
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33 *Adopted by Covenant Presbytery at its 159th Stated Meeting, October 3, 2023.*
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35 *Attested by /s/ TE Robert Browning, Stated Clerk of Covenant Presbytery*