

1 **OVERTURE 10**, from Metro Atlanta Presbytery (to CCB, OC)
2 “Add Presbytery TE Care to BCO 13-9”
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4 **Whereas** presbyteries are to watch over Teaching Elders and further equip them for works of
5 service and mission, and
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7 **Whereas** presbyteries are to instruct Teaching Elders in the truths of the Gospel and the need
8 for sharing the good news of Christ, and
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10 **Whereas** presbyteries are called to minister to those Teaching Elders in their midst who are
11 hurting emotionally, physically, and spiritually, and
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13 **Whereas** the Book of Church Order delineates duties of presbyteries in BCO 13 but does not
14 specifically call presbyteries to these responsibilities or have a plan,
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16 **Therefore**, the Book of Church Order shall be amended to read as follows (Insert into 13-9g)
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18 13-9 g. ...in general, to order whatever pertains to the spiritual welfare of the
19 churches and each teaching elder under its care. (new language indicated by
20 underlining)
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22 **Rationale:**

23 The spiritual care of a Presbytery’s Teaching Elders merits explicit attention in the BCO, and
24 the current BCO 13 has a logical spot to emphasize this responsibility (among others) as it
25 lists a presbytery’s powers and responsibilities in the current 13-9.
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28 *Adopted by Metro Atlanta Presbytery at its stated meeting, October 3, 2023*

29 *Attested by Randy Schlichting, stated clerk.*