

1 **OVERTURE 11** from Mississippi Valley Presbytery (to MNA)
2 "Change Boundaries of Mississippi Valley and Covenant Presbyteries"
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4 **Whereas** the geographic center of Covenant Presbytery has shifted significantly north
5 and 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
9 in the county) is located, is on the southernmost border of Covenant Presbytery
10 and borders The Presbytery of the Mississippi Valley on its southern and its
11 western border; and
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13 **Whereas** the Session of Old Lebanon wants to have a more regular participation in the
14 stated 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
20 are usually closer to Ackerman, MS, and often significantly so, than the locations
21 of the stated meetings of Covenant Presbytery; and
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23 **Whereas** The Presbytery of the Mississippi Valley has in the past acted in similar
24 situations to receive churches in Winona, MS; Delhi, LA; and Ruston, LA,
25 from adjacent presbyteries;
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27 **Therefore, be it resolved,** The Presbytery of the Mississippi Valley joins with Covenant
28 Presbytery and the Session of Old Lebanon Presbyterian Church, Ackerman, MS, to
29 overture the 2024 General Assembly to transfer Choctaw County, Mississippi, from
30 the geographic bounds of Covenant Presbytery to the geographic bounds of the
31 Presbytery of the Mississippi Valley.
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34 *Adopted by Mississippi Valley Presbytery at its stated meeting, Nov 7, 2023*
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36 *Attested by TE Chris Wright, stated clerk*