

1 **OVERTURE 9**, from Metro Atlanta Presbytery (to CCB, OC)
2 “Add Great Commission Requirement to BCO 12-5”
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4 **Whereas** sessions of churches are to watch over the flock of God and equip them for works
5 of service and mission, and
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7 **Whereas** sessions of churches are to instruct members in the truths of the Gospel and the need
8 for sharing the good news of Christ, and
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10 **Whereas** the Book of Church Order delineates duties of session of churches in BCO 12 but
11 does not specifically call sessions to these responsibilities,
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13 **Therefore**, the Book of Church Order shall be amended to read as follows (Insert into 12-5e)
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15 12-5 e. ...to determine the best measures for promoting the spiritual interests of the
16 church and congregation, including living in obedience to the Great Commission
17 (Matthew 28:19-20) (new language indicated by underlining)
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19 **Rationale:**

20 MAP landed more toward the philosophy of “comprehensive simplicity,” as well
21 as leveraging existing BCO content, rather than trying to articulate a new set of
22 Session responsibilities. “Obedience to the Great Commission” is an important and
23 necessary addition, and also well established in the PCA as a definitional and
24 common standard.
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27 *Adopted by Metro Atlanta Presbytery at its stated meeting, October 3, 2023*

28 *Attested by **Randy Schlichting**, stated clerk.*