

1 **OVERTURE 27** from Potomac Presbytery (to CCB, OC)
2 “Amend *BCO* 13-6 to Add Personal Character and Family Management
3 to the Examination of Transferring Ministers”
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5 **Whereas**, it is common for personal moral issues to crop up after ordination, and
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7 **Whereas**, many ministers have gone through significant family changes between callings
8 (e.g..single to married, or childless to father), and
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10 **Whereas**, in 13-6 the *BCO* now requires presbyteries only to examine transfers from other
11 presbyteries with regard to their Christian experience and their views,
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13 **Therefore, be it resolved** that the first sentence of *BCO* 13-6 be changed to read:
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15 Ministers seeking admission to a Presbytery from other Presbyteries in the
16 Presbyterian Church in America shall be examined on Christian experience
17 (including personal character and family management), and also touching
18 their views in theology, the Sacraments, and church government.
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20 So that all of *BCO* 13-6 would read:
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22 **13-6.** Ministers seeking admission to a Presbytery from other Presbyteries in
23 the Presbyterian Church in America shall be examined on Christian
24 experience (including personal character and family management), and also
25 touching their views in theology, the Sacraments, and church government. If
26 applicants come from other denominations, the Presbytery shall examine
27 them thoroughly in knowledge and views as required by *BCO* 21-4 and
28 require them to answer in the affirmative the questions put to candidates at
29 their ordination. Ordained ministers from other denominations being
30 considered by Presbyteries for reception may come under the extraordinary
31 provisions set forth in *BCO* 21-4. Presbyteries shall also require ordained
32 ministers coming from other denominations to state the specific instances in
33 which they may differ with the *Confession of Faith* and *Catechisms* in any of
34 their statements and/or propositions, which differences the court shall judge
35 in accordance with *BCO* 21-4 (see *BCO* 21-4.e,f).
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37 *Adopted by the Potomac Presbytery at its stated meeting, March 16, 2024*

38 *Attested by /s/ TE Joel St. Clair, Stated Clerk*