

1 **OVERTURE 34**, from Columbus Metro Presbytery (to MNA)
2 “Merge Columbus Metro and Ohio Valley Presbyteries”
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4 **Whereas**, growth in the number of member churches and church plants in Ohio Valley
5 Presbytery (OVP) in both Ohio and Kentucky have given rise to a strategic plan for
6 Presbytery multiplication into Ohio-focused and Kentucky/Indiana-focused
7 Presbyteries; and,
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9 **Whereas**, church closures or denominational realignments have decreased the number of
10 member churches from seven to five churches in Columbus Metro Presbytery (CMP),
11 limiting CMP’s capacity to healthily function as a church, court, and mission; and,
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13 **Whereas**, campus ministry partnerships overseen by Columbus Metro Presbytery extend
14 into the current boundary of Ohio Valley Presbytery, specifically through Campus
15 Outreach Columbus’s leadership of Campus Outreach at University of Cincinnati;
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18 **Whereas**, member churches in both OVP and CMP envision multiplying into distinct to-be-
19 named Kentucky and distinct to-be-named Ohio Presbyteries in the near future, in
20 order to focus on regional ministry;
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22 **Whereas**, laboring together in a common presbytery to prepare for healthy future
23 multiplication supports our calling to govern the church well and to share in strategic
24 ministry planning for our region, and supports OVP’s efforts to host the 53rd General
25 Assembly of the PCA;
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27 **Now therefore be it resolved**, that the Ohio Valley Presbytery and the Columbus Metro
28 Presbytery overture the 51st General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in
29 America to merge the aforementioned Presbyteries into one Presbytery, continuing
30 under the name “Ohio Valley Presbytery,” to include all mission works and churches
31 located in the counties of Ohio south and west of but not including Mercer, Auglaize,
32 Shelby, Logan, Hardin, Marion, Morrow, Knox, Coshocton, Muskingum, Perry,
33 Hocking, Vinton, and Meigs; all of Kentucky north and east of and including the
34 counties of Breckinridge, Hardin, Larue, Taylor, Casey, Pulaski, and McCreary; and
35 the Indiana counties of Dearborn, Ohio, Switzerland, Jefferson, Scott, Clark, Floyd,
36 Washington, and Harrison.
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38 *Adopted by Columbus Metro Presbytery at its called meeting, April 30, 2024.*

39 *Attested by /s/ RE Michael D. Mattes, Stated Clerk, Columbus Metro Presbytery*