

1 **OVERTURE 3** from Arizona Presbytery

(to OC, AC)

2 “Erect Ad Interim Committee on Christian Nationalism”
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4 **Whereas**, the Presbyterian Church in America (PCA) has adopted the American Revision
5 (1788) to the Westminster Confession of Faith, which represents a substantial change
6 from the Historic Text (1646) as it relates to the relationship between the church and
7 the civil magistrate; and
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9 **Whereas**, there has been recent teaching, among those who subscribe to or have adopted
10 certain aspects of the Reformed Tradition, as to the nature of this relationship between
11 the church and the civil magistrate, which have caused confusion, division, and
12 dissension even among the congregants of PCA churches and affected PCA pastors
13 and officers; and
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15 **Whereas**, these teachings are from a particular type of Christian Nationalism which professes
16 conformity to the Reformed Tradition; and
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18 **Whereas**, church courts have the responsibility to determine questions of doctrine seriously,
19 and in general to maintain truth and righteousness, condemning erroneous opinions
20 which tend to bring injury to the peace, purity, or progress of the Church (*BCO* 11-4);
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22 **Therefore, be it resolved** that the 52nd PCA General Assembly erect and convene an Ad
23 Interim Study Committee on Christian Nationalism (*RAO* 9-1), to study the
24 relationship between Christian Nationalism, Theonomic Reconstructionism, and
25 similar viewpoints deemed necessary by the committee. Further, the committee shall
26 advise on whether these viewpoints and formulations are in conformity with the
27 system of doctrine taught in the Westminster Standards or where they may diverge
28 from the system of doctrine. Further, the committee shall write a report that gives
29 pastoral guidance when addressing congregations, new members, and future officers
30 of the PCA.
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32 **Be it further resolved** that the budget for the study committee be set at \$10,000/year and that
33 funds be derived from gifts to the AC designated for that purpose, with General
34 Assembly appealing to the various Presbyteries to fund this initiative via such gifts
35 (*RAO* 9-3).
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37 **Be it further resolved** that the Arizona Presbytery is committed to offer a \$2,500 gift to assist
38 in funding the work of this Ad Interim Study Committee.
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41 *Adopted by the Arizona Presbytery at its stated meeting, September 6, 2024.*

42 *Attested by /s/ RE Richard Wolfe, stated clerk.*