

1 **OVERTURE 4** from the Presbytery of South Texas (to OC, AC)  
2 “Erect Ad Interim Study Committee on Christian Nationalism”  
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4 **Whereas**, there has been debate among churches in the Presbyterian Church in America  
5 (PCA) concerning the relationship of church and state that has occurred under the  
6 broad term of Christian Nationalism; and  
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8 **Whereas**, Christian Nationalism has been promulgated theologically by Moscow Theology  
9 and Postmillennial Theonomic Reconstructionism; and  
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11 **Whereas**, there has been disagreement and confusion regarding what these various viewpoints  
12 actually teach; these variations have caused confusion, division, and dissension among  
13 the congregants of PCA churches and disturbed PCA pastors and officers; and  
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15 **Whereas**, many members of PCA churches continue to encounter, be influenced by, and be  
16 disturbed by these teachings from various online sources; and  
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18 **Whereas**, questions have been raised regarding current conformity of these viewpoints to the  
19 system of doctrine taught in the Westminster Standards as held by the PCA; and  
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21 **Whereas**, the above mentioned viewpoints have brought confusion on theological definitions  
22 and concepts that have disrupted the peace, purity, and progress of a significant  
23 number of families, churches, and sessions within the PCA; and  
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25 **Whereas**, church courts have the responsibility to determine questions of doctrine seriously,  
26 and in general to maintain truth and righteousness, condemning erroneous opinions  
27 which tend to bring injury to the peace, purity, or progress of the Church (*BCO* 11-4);  
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29 **Therefore be it resolved** that the 52<sup>nd</sup> PCA General Assembly erect and convene a new Ad  
30 Interim Study Committee to study Christian Nationalism (*RAO* 9-1), to study the  
31 relationship between Christian Nationalism, Moscow Theology, Postmillennial  
32 Theonomic Reconstructionism, and similar viewpoints deemed necessary by the  
33 committee. Further, the committee shall advise on whether these viewpoints and  
34 formulations are in conformity with the system of doctrine taught in the Westminster  
35 Standards or where they may diverge from the system of doctrine. Further, the  
36 committee shall write a report that gives pastoral guidance when addressing  
37 congregations, new members, and future officers of the PCA; and  
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39 **Be it further resolved**, that the committee shall be appointed by the moderator; and  
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41 **Be it further resolved**, that the budget for the study committee be set at \$10,000/year and  
42 that funds be derived from gifts to the AC designated for that purpose. Presbyteries,  
43 churches, and individuals are highly encouraged to contribute funds to the AC,  
44 designated for this work with members of South Texas Presbytery committed to offer  
45 \$5,000/year.  
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- 1 *Adopted South Texas Presbytery at its stated meeting, October 26, 2024.*
- 2 *Attested by RE Barry McBee, stated clerk.*