

1 **OVERTURE 5** from Calvary Presbytery (to CCB, OC)  
2 “Grant *BCO* 60-63 Full Constitutional Status”  
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4 **Whereas**, the constitutional documents of our denomination include the Directory of Public  
5 Worship (Preface III, *BCO* 26-1) with our *Book of Church Order (BCO)* implying the  
6 usefulness of and adherence to the Directory of Public Worship; and  
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8 **Whereas**, it was the desire of our founding fathers to have an authoritative Directory of Public  
9 Worship for our beloved denomination; and  
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11 **Whereas**, the Third General Assembly placed a temporary preface to the Directory of Public  
12 Worship stating it “does not have the force of law” which was only to be in place “until  
13 a more precise statement can be prepared by the Constitutional Documents  
14 Committee;” and  
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16 **Whereas**, the Constitutional Documents Committee was dismissed in 1978 without any report  
17 or action pertaining to the Directory of Public Worship; and  
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19 **Whereas**, the 1980 General Assembly tasked the Permanent Committee on Judicial Business  
20 to re-write the Directory of Worship, but this committee failed to achieve the original  
21 goal of authoring an authoritative Directory of Public Worship beyond chapters 56-58  
22 concerning the sacraments; and  
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24 **Whereas**, the most recent changes to our Directory of Public Worship being the  
25 constitutionalizing of *BCO* 59-3 by the 47<sup>th</sup> General Assembly; and  
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27 **Whereas**, the current Directory of Public Worship is wrongly considered just pious advice;  
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30 **Whereas**, the current Directory of Public Worship is often neglected or ignored due to its lack  
31 of constitutionality;  
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33 **Therefore, be it resolved**, that the Calvary Presbytery hereby requests the 52<sup>nd</sup> General  
34 Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in America to declare *BCO* chapters 60 through  
35 63 having fully constitutional status.  
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38 *Adopted by the Calvary Presbytery at its stated Autumn meeting (CP163), October 24, 2024*  
39 *Attested by /s/ RE Melton L. Duncan, Stated Clerk*