

1 **OVERTURE 20** from the Covenant Presbytery (to MNA)
2 “Change the Boundaries of Covenant and Mississippi Valley Presbyteries”
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4 **Whereas** the geographic center of Covenant Presbytery has shifted significantly north and
5 west in recent years as evidenced by the frequency of stated meetings in the Memphis
6 area and parts of Arkansas; and
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8 **Whereas** Lowndes, the county in Mississippi where Main Street Presbyterian Church (the
9 only PCA church in the county) is located, is on the southernmost border of Covenant
10 Presbytery and borders The Presbytery of the Mississippi Valley on its southern
11 border; and
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13 **Whereas** the Session of Main Street Presbyterian Church wants to have more regular
14 participation in the stated meetings of Presbytery; and
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16 **Whereas** the Session of Main Street Presbyterian Church finds this participation difficult due
17 to the locations where many of the stated meetings of Covenant Presbytery are held;
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20 **Whereas** locations of the stated meetings of The Presbytery of the Mississippi Valley are
21 usually closer to Columbus, MS, and often significantly so, than the locations of the
22 stated meetings of Covenant Presbytery; and
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24 **Whereas** Covenant Presbytery has in the past acted in similar situations to allow the transfer
25 of churches in Winona, MS; Ackerman, MS; Columbia, TN; Fayetteville, AR;
26 Charleston, AR; and Stamps, AR, to Presbyteries adjacent to Covenant Presbytery,
27 and to receive a PCA mission in Joplin, MO, into Covenant Presbytery from an
28 adjacent Presbytery;
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30 **Therefore, be it resolved** that Covenant Presbytery in concurrence with the Session of Main
31 Street Presbyterian Church, Columbus, MS and The Presbytery of the Mississippi
32 Valley, overtures the 2025 General Assembly to transfer Lowndes County in
33 Mississippi from the geographic bounds of Covenant Presbytery to the geographic
34 bounds of The Presbytery of the Mississippi Valley.
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36 *Adopted by Covenant Presbytery at its stated meeting, February 4, 2025*

37 *Attested by TE Robert Browning, stated clerk*