

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 47th 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 52nd 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*