

1 **OVERTURE 27** from the Northwest Georgia Presbytery (to OC, AC, CC, CDM, CTS,  
2 Geneva, MNA, MTW, PCAF, RH, RUF)

3 “Erect Ad Interim Committee to Receive Suggestions for Permanent Committee and  
4 Agency Operations, Resources, and Expenses”  
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6 **Whereas** every church and organization deserves loving, thoughtful, and wise review of its  
7 operations and expenses from time to time, and the highest levels of PCA committees  
8 and agencies have not had such in decades; and  
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10 **Whereas** the proposal below has the goal and potential to bring greater unity and increasing  
11 support from churches and Presbyteries for the concerted work of all PCA units; and  
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13 **Whereas** the PCA should desire to have growing and optimal support from the grassroots;  
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16 **Whereas** total receipts to all PCA agencies now exceed \$200,000,000 annually (for which we  
17 give praise to God), and we wish to use all the Lord’s resources optimally, including  
18 possibly re-directing some of those funds back to the lower courts for vital ministry,  
19 such as church planting, revitalization, missions, supporting interns in smaller  
20 churches, etc., which may be a helpful step to unleashing Presbyteries and Sessions to  
21 reach their full potential with less overhead; and  
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23 **Whereas** even if fears about well-intended reviews arise—turf protection may yet occur in  
24 fine churches—for the good of the church and its future improved stewardship, we  
25 commend this process, which we believe is fair, transparent, and at its heart providing  
26 maximum input from the grass roots to the General Assembly; and  
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28 **Whereas** we may give thanks for each of our elected Coordinators and leaders, we are also  
29 blessed with many gifted servants, relieving the practice of lengthy tenures of office;  
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32 **Whereas** we all wish to adapt so that more PCA congregations will support more of a united  
33 denominational effort, willingly and eagerly, not as paying obligatory apportionments;  
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36 **Whereas** a method exists to invite widely-representative input as a basis for such a helpful  
37 review *at no cost to the GA budget with much potential gain to use for greater mission;*  
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39 **Therefore**, we request the 52<sup>nd</sup> General Assembly to approve (per *RAO 9-2*) an ad interim  
40 Committee on Operations, Resources, and Expenses, appointed by the Moderator by  
41 August 1, 2025, with said committee (per *RAO 9-4*) tasked to solicit and receive any  
42 recommendations for improvement, optimization, and greater transparency from the  
43 lower courts for all funded General Assembly works, which shall all then be collated,  
44 evaluated, and reported (a) on its website regularly and (b) directly to the 53<sup>rd</sup> General  
45 Assembly. Further, each Presbytery is encouraged to communicate its ideas for

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1 improvement regarding all funded committees or agencies, seeking to use optimally  
2 all resources and GA income while also increasing support from the grass roots for  
3 denominational units. Funding of \$10,000 for this committee (RAO 9-5) and its  
4 website that will report submitted suggestions monthly shall be shared between the  
5 Session originating this overture and any other voluntary contributors.  
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8 *Adopted by the Northwest Georgia Presbytery at its 57<sup>th</sup> stated meeting, April 1, 2025*

9 *Attested by TE Robby Baxter, stated clerk*