

1 **OVERTURE 44** from the Pee Dee Presbytery (to AC)  
2 “Transition byFaith to a Press-Release-Based Publication”  
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4 **Whereas** byFaith magazine was established as the official publication of the Presbyterian  
5 Church in America (PCA) to serve as a voice for the denomination; and  
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7 **Whereas** the PCA is committed to maintaining a clear distinction between denominational  
8 communications and editorial commentary, ensuring that official communications  
9 remain impartial and representative of the church as a whole; and  
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11 **Whereas** the purpose of denominational communication should be to provide clear and  
12 accurate information regarding the actions, policies, and ministries of the PCA without  
13 editorializing or presenting particular viewpoints that may not reflect the consensus of  
14 the denomination (1 Corinthians 14:40); and  
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16 **Whereas** byFaith magazine has, at times, functioned as more than a source of official  
17 denominational news, engaging in commentary and editorial perspectives that may not  
18 always represent the collective voice of the General Assembly (*BCO* 14-1.5; *WCF*  
19 31.3); and  
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21 **Whereas** many churches and Presbyteries would benefit from an official PCA publication  
22 that focuses on disseminating essential information, press releases, and updates from  
23 ministries and Presbyteries in a way that prioritizes clarity, transparency, and  
24 denominational unity (Ephesians 4:3); and  
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26 **Whereas** transitioning byFaith into a press-release-based platform would enhance trust in  
27 denominational communications by ensuring that its content remains neutral, factual,  
28 and reflective of the entire PCA rather than selective viewpoints; and  
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30 **Whereas** such transition and narrowing of focus would be accompanied by a decrease in  
31 expenditures for byFaith, which currently is ~\$400,000 (*M5IGA*, 2024, Appendix A,  
32 139), assisting the Administrative Committee in meeting its budget; and  
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34 **Whereas** the reputation of Christ and His Church should not be compromised by unnecessary  
35 controversies or unbalanced representation in denominational communications (2  
36 Corinthians 8:21);  
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38 **Therefore, be it resolved** that the 52<sup>nd</sup> General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in  
39 America directs the Administrative Committee to transition byFaith magazine from its  
40 current editorial format to a press-release-based publication, limited to the following  
41 types of content:  
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- 43 1. Official press releases from the Administrative Committee and other  
44 denominational agencies regarding actions taken by the General Assembly,  
45 significant initiatives, and denominational decisions.

- 1           2. Ministry updates from PCA churches, Presbyteries, and denominational agencies,  
2           highlighting the work of the church in missions, discipleship, and service.
- 3           3. Announcements and reports from the General Assembly and Presbyteries,  
4           ensuring transparency and accessibility of denominational proceedings.

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6   **Be it further resolved** that the Administrative Committee develop and implement a plan to  
7   restructure byFaith within one year of the adoption of this overture, ensuring that the  
8   new format aligns with the PCA’s commitment to truth, transparency, and  
9   denominational unity

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12   *Adopted by the Pee Dee Presbytery at its stated meeting, April 26, 2025*

13   *Attested by TE Mark Horne, Stated Clerk*