

1 **OVERTURE 21** from the Susquehanna Valley Presbytery (to MNA, MTW)  
2 "Coordination of Disaster Relief Efforts"  
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4 **Whereas** churches in the Susquehanna Valley Presbytery support both Mission to North  
5 America and Mission to the World at the Partnership Share level; and  
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7 **Whereas** churches in the Susquehanna Valley Presbytery support individual MNA and  
8 MTW missionaries; and  
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10 **Whereas** churches in the Susquehanna Valley Presbytery support both Mission to the World  
11 Cherokee mission trips and Mission to North America Native American & First  
12 Nation Ministries; and  
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14 **Whereas** churches in the Susquehanna Valley Presbytery have responded to send teams to  
15 US Disaster Relief under Mission to North America oversight in North America, and  
16 at the same time we were aware of Mission to the World Disaster Response presence  
17 in North America; and  
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19 **Whereas** churches in the Susquehanna Valley Presbytery have responded to the disaster in  
20 Haiti by sending money to Mission to the World and at the same time sees the  
21 response of Mission to North America in Haiti; and  
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23 **Whereas** there appears to many members in the PCA a confusion over the apparent  
24 duplication of resources and crossing over the geographical names ("World" and  
25 "North America") that many would think would govern the oversight of these  
26 various and important ministries; and  
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28 **Whereas** this presents confusion to members and officers as to where to send funds and why  
29 there is the apparent intrusion into the oversight and work of a General Assembly  
30 established committee;  
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32 **Therefore be it resolved** that the 38<sup>th</sup> General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in  
33 America  
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- 35 1. direct MNA to work under MTW in disaster responses outside North America  
36 and MTW to work under MNA in disaster responses inside North America.  
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- 38 2. clarify the respective responsibilities & spheres of labor of MTW and MNA  
39 including the disaster response and the work in Cherokee, NC.  
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41 *Adopted by the Susquehanna Valley Presbytery at its stated meeting, February 20, 2010*

42 *Attested by /s/ RE Charles C Miller, stated clerk*