

1 **OVERTURE 23** from the Presbytery of the Ascension (to CEP, AC)
2 "Erect Study Committee on Political and Economic Justice"
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4 **Whereas**, it is the duty of the church to disciple believers to faithfully serve the Lord,
5 individually and corporately, in every aspect of life including the political and
6 economic arenas; and
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8 **Whereas**, there is a growing need and desire among believers to understand how the
9 community of believers should respond to challenges regarding the political and
10 economic direction of our nation; and
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12 **Whereas**, there is not a unified sense among the officers of the church about how the
13 standards of the church direct and limit them in the faithful execution of their duties
14 in these matters;
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16 **Therefore be it resolved** that the 38th General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in
17 America (GA) direct the Christian Education and Publication Committee (CEP) to
18 organize and implement an efficient and orderly process for the exchange of
19 scholarly papers on the subject "What are the duties of the visible church relative to
20 political and economic justice, keeping in mind the Standards of the PCA?" and
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22 **Be it also resolved** that GA direct the CEP to convene a committee of interested parties to
23 provide a summary of the various views presented in the exchange of papers; and
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25 **Be it further resolved** that GA direct the CEP to publish the papers together with the
26 summary on their web site by the end of 2011, the purpose being to facilitate ongoing
27 prayerful consideration of these issues and thoughtful ministry in these areas; and
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29 **Be it finally resolved** that the expenses for this work shall be covered by donations from
30 Presbyteries and individuals interested in this work.
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32 *Adopted by the Presbytery of the Ascension at its stated meeting, May 8, 2010*

33 *Attested by /s/ RE Frederick R. Neikirk, stated clerk*