

1 **OVERTURE 12** from Evangel Presbytery (to MNA)
2 “Divide Evangel Presbytery and Form Additional Presbytery”
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4 **Whereas**, the General Assembly has recommended that Presbyteries with over 40 churches
5 consider division for the most effective gospel ministry, and has offered criteria for
6 just such a need, and
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8 **Whereas**, Evangel Presbytery has grown to just under 40 churches and has one of the largest
9 number of teaching elders of any presbytery in the PCA, and
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11 **Whereas**, the formation of two Presbyteries would move us closer to a reasonable size that
12 would allow for greater and even more participation and cooperation in missions,
13 shepherding, and development; and
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15 **Whereas**, nearly half the Presbytery is part of the Birmingham Metro area, resulting in similar
16 demographic characteristics for the southern half that are not in common with the
17 northern half; and
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19 **Whereas**, The Presbytery's Strategic Planning Committee recommended division of the
20 Presbytery;
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22 **Be it resolved that** Evangel Presbytery overtures the Thirty-sixth General Assembly of the
23 Presbyterian Church in America to approve a geographical division of Evangel
24 Presbytery, effective January 1, 2009, as follows:
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26 *Evangel Presbytery*, the southern portion of the current Presbytery, which
27 includes the Alabama counties of Lamar, Fayette, Walker, Jefferson, Shelby,
28 Talladega, Clay, Randolph, Cleburne, Blount, St. Clair, Etowah, and Calhoun,
29 and the
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31 *North Alabama Presbytery* (or some name that suits its members), the
32 northern portion of the current Presbytery, which includes the Alabama
33 counties of Winston, Cullman, Marshall, DeKalb, Marion, Franklin, Colbert,
34 Lawrence, Morgan, Lauderdale, Limestone, Cherokee, Madison, and Jackson.
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36 *Adopted at the 117th meeting of Evangel Presbytery on February 12, 2008*

37 *Attested by: /s/ TE Thomas T. Joseph Sr., Stated Clerk*