

1 **OVERTURE 15** from Western Canada Presbytery (to AC, OC)
2 "Form Study Committee on Issue of Deaconesses"
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4 **Whereas**, Philadelphia Presbytery has overtured the 36th General Assembly of the Presbyterian
5 Church in America (designated as Overture 9) to create an ad interim study committee
6 with respect to women's involvement in Diaconal ministry; and
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8 **Whereas**, within Western Canada Presbytery there are different views regarding how women
9 should serve in Diaconal ministry; and
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11 **Whereas**, clarifying the involvement of women in diaconal ministry and giving guidance to
12 PCA churches would bring great benefit for the Kingdom;
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14 **Therefore be it resolved**, that the Western Canada Presbytery also overtures the 36th General
15 Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in America to create an ad interim study
16 committee with respect to women's involvement in Diaconal ministry and to study
17 and report back to the 37th General Assembly regarding the following:
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- 19 1) Scriptural teaching bearing on women's eligibility for election and ordination
20 to the office of deacon and recommending, if necessary, changes to the *BCO*
21 in keeping with any findings proceeding from the study of Scripture; and
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- 23 2) Should no changes to the *BCO* be deemed necessary, clarifying an appropriate
24 range of practices for the involvement of women in diaconal ministry and giving
25 guidance regarding current differences in practice among PCA churches.
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27 *Adopted by Western Canada Presbytery, on March 8, 2008*

28 *Attested by: /s/ RE Lloyd E. Reid, Stated Clerk*