

OVERTURE 16 from Piedmont Triad Presbytery

(to MNA)

“Revise Boundary of Piedmont Triad Presbytery”

(A complimentary overture is being forwarded by Western Carolina Presbytery)

Whereas, Ashe County and Alleghany County (North Carolina) form a contiguous whole and border the current boundary of Piedmont Triad Presbytery to the west along the border of Surry County, North Carolina; and,

Whereas, there are cultural and regional affinities linking Ashe and Alleghany County to the Piedmont Triad region of North Carolina; and,

Whereas, the only current congregation of the Presbyterian Church in America located within Ashe and Alleghany counties is Ashe Presbyterian Church, a church that is currently without a pastor; and,

Whereas, churches within the Piedmont Triad Presbytery have, because of filial relations with Ashe Presbyterian Church, been helping to provide occasional pulpit supply and encouragement to Ashe Presbyterian Church; and,

Whereas, Piedmont Triad Presbytery is currently considering a strategy to reach and serve smaller rural counties within its boundaries, and the Church Planting Team of Piedmont Triad Presbytery desires to support and encourage the work of Ashe Presbyterian Church and further the spread of the Gospel in Ashe and Alleghany Counties as well as the adjoining smaller rural counties of Surry, Stokes, Rockingham and Caswell (which are already within its boundaries); and,

Whereas, Ashe and Alleghany counties are currently within the boundaries of Western Carolina Presbytery, Piedmont Triad Presbytery – pending release of Ashe and Alleghany counties by Western Carolina Presbytery – agrees to receive Ashe and Alleghany counties, and a similar overture from Western Carolina Presbytery is before the General Assembly;

Now therefore, Piedmont Triad Presbytery hereby requests that the General Assembly remove Ashe and Alleghany counties (North Carolina) from the boundaries of Western Carolina Presbytery and include them in the boundaries of Piedmont Triad Presbytery effective July 1, 2008.

Adopted by the Piedmont Triad Presbytery, on April 19, 2008.

Attested by /s/ TE Randall K. Edwards, Stated Clerk