

1 **OVERTURE 18** from Western Carolina Presbytery (to MNA)
2 "Revise Boundaries of Western Carolina Presbytery"
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4 (A complimentary overture is being forwarded by Piedmont Triad Presbytery)
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6 **Whereas**, Ashe County and Alleghany County (North Carolina) form a contiguous whole
7 and border the current boundary of Piedmont Triad Presbytery to the west along the
8 border of Surry County, North Carolina; and,
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10 **Whereas**, there are cultural and regional affinities linking Ashe and Alleghany County to the
11 Piedmont Triad region of North Carolina; and,
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13 **Whereas**, the only current congregation of the Presbyterian Church in America located within
14 Ashe and Alleghany counties is Ashe Presbyterian Church, a church that is currently
15 without a pastor; and,
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17 **Whereas**, churches within the Piedmont Triad Presbytery have, because of filial relations
18 with Ashe Presbyterian Church, been helping to provide occasional pulpit supply
19 and encouragement to Ashe Presbyterian Church; and,
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21 **Whereas**, Piedmont Triad Presbytery is currently considering a strategy to reach and serve
22 smaller rural counties within its boundaries, and the Church Planting Team of Piedmont
23 Triad Presbytery desires to support and encourage the work of Ashe Presbyterian
24 Church and further the spread of the Gospel in Ashe and Alleghany Counties as well
25 as the adjoining smaller rural counties of Surry, Stokes, Rockingham and Caswell
26 (which are already within its boundaries); and,
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28 **Whereas**, Ashe and Alleghany counties are currently within the boundaries of Western
29 Carolina Presbytery, Piedmont Triad Presbytery – pending release of Ashe and
30 Alleghany counties by Western Carolina Presbytery – has agreed to receive Ashe
31 and Alleghany counties, and a similar overture from Piedmont Triad Presbytery is
32 before the General Assembly;
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34 **Now therefore**, Western Carolina Presbytery hereby requests that the General Assembly
35 remove Ashe and Alleghany counties (North Carolina) from the boundaries of Western
36 Carolina Presbytery and include them in the boundaries of Piedmont Triad Presbytery
37 effective July 1, 2008.
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39 *Adopted by the Western Carolina Presbytery at its stated meeting May 6, 2008*
40 *Attested by /s/ TE Skip Gillikin, Stated Clerk*