

1 **OVERTURE 8 FROM Rocky Mountain Presbytery**

(to OC)

2 "Tribute to TE William B. Leonard Jr."
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4 **Whereas**, in recognition of the faithful gospel ministry of William Bryan Leonard Jr., a
5 father of the Church and of Rocky Mountain Presbytery, we hereby commend him
6 for his fifty four years of service in our midst. God has worked mightily through
7 Bill, His servant, to plant and nurture two flagship churches of Rocky Mountain
8 Presbytery; begin a flourishing Christian Academy; pioneer and inspire
9 denomination-wide youth camps; develop with his wife Helen unique and exciting
10 Vacation Bible Schools; direct the chaplain ministries of the Bible Presbyterian,
11 Evangelical Presbyterian, Reformed Presbyterian, and Presbyterian Church in
12 America denominations. He founded and was the first Executive Director of the
13 Presbyterian and Reformed Joint Commission on Chaplains, comprised of five
14 reformed and evangelical Presbyterian denominations. By his example, vision, and
15 perseverance, he significantly contributed to the strength and growth of our
16 Presbytery during its pre-PCA years. He is known among us as an Evangelist,
17 whose spiritual sons and daughters circle the globe; a Shepherd, Expositor of God's
18 Word, Pioneer, Master Craftsman, Hunter, Fisherman, Discipler, Encourager, a
19 Man's Man, and a devoted servant of the Lord Jesus Christ. His wife, Helen,
20 faithfully worked by his side in home and in church as a leader of women's,
21 children's, and youth ministries; his children followed him in the ministry; his
22 heritage has been blessed of the Lord, extending to children's children and
23 succeeding generations;
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25 **And Whereas**, the fathers and brethren of Rocky Mountain Presbytery of the Presbyterian
26 Church in America, have been truly blessed, encouraged, and challenged to
27 faithfulness by this man of God and we heartily thank our Sovereign Lord for his life
28 and work;
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30 **"Blessed is the man who fears the Lord, who finds great delight in His**
31 **commands"** (Psalm 112:1);
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33 **Therefore, Be It Resolved** that we, the 36yh General Assembly give praise and thanksgiving
34 to our great God and to the Lord Jesus Christ for this servant of His Church; and that
35 we acknowledge and thank Bil Leonard for his years of dedicated service to Our Lord
36 and Savior, Jesus Christ, and this denomination of His glorious Church.
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38 *Adopted by Rocky Mountain Presbytery at its stated meeting, January 25, 2008*

39 *Attested by /s/ TE Kevin Allen, stated clerk*