

1 **OVERTURE 12** from Ohio Valley Presbytery (to MNA)
2 "Form Central Indiana Presbytery"
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4 **Whereas**, a presbytery that has greater geographical affinity should lead to a greater emphasis
5 on church planting within that region; and
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7 **Whereas**, a presbytery which encompasses a smaller geographical region should permit shorter
8 driving distances and shorter meetings; and
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10 **Whereas**, a smaller geographical presbytery should increase ruling elder involvement; and
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12 **Whereas**, a presbytery confined to a small geographic region can lead to more efficient oversight,
13 cooperation, and connection between particular congregations in the presbytery; and
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15 **Whereas**, fostering a sense of connectionalism and cooperation of churches, teaching elders,
16 and ruling elders beyond the local congregation is a hallmark of historic Presbyterianism;
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19 **Whereas**, the Guidelines for Dividing Presbyteries, as adopted by the 26th General Assembly
20 of the Presbyterian Church in America, include: "a radius of 2½ hours maximum
21 driving distance," "a minimum of 10 churches," "a total communicant membership of
22 at least 1000," "not partition[ing] metropolitan areas," "regional cohesiveness," "at
23 least 3 churches having a membership of at least 125 communicant members," "member
24 churches hav[ing] a potential for shared ministries," and "member churches hav[ing]
25 a common commitment to the region," and "limit[ing] its boundaries to that geographic
26 area for which it is able to take meaningful responsibility for evangelism and church
27 development";
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29 **Now therefore be it resolved** that Ohio Valley Presbytery overture the 37th General Assembly
30 to form a new Central Indiana Presbytery, effective July 1, 2010, by:
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- 32 1. Establishing the boundary of the continuing Ohio Valley Presbytery to include:
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34 a. All the counties of Ohio currently in Ohio Valley Presbytery
35 b. All the counties of Kentucky currently in Ohio Valley Presbytery
36 c. The following counties of Indiana currently in Ohio Valley Presbytery:
37 *Dearborn, Ohio, Switzerland, Jefferson, Scott, Clark, Floyd, Washington,*
38 *and Harrison*
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40 2. Establishing the boundary of the new Central Indiana Presbytery to include: All
41 the counties of Indiana currently in Ohio Valley Presbytery, except the counties
42 listed above.
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44 *Adopted by Ohio Valley Presbytery at its stated meeting, January 10, 2009*

45 *Attested by /s/ TE David R. Dively, stated clerk*