

1 **OVERTURE 17** from Central Carolina Presbytery (to MNA)  
2 "Revise Boundaries of Central Carolina and Eastern Carolina Presbyteries"  
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4 **Whereas**, Countryside Presbyterian Church is presently an active participating member of  
5 Central Carolina Presbytery in good standing; and  
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7 **Whereas**, the geographic location of Countryside Presbyterian Church is in Harnett County,  
8 one of the easternmost counties of Central Carolina Presbytery; and  
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10 **Whereas**, the driving times and cohesiveness of the Presbytery have been challenged by the  
11 growth of the greater Charlotte Metro area; and  
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13 **Whereas**, any participation in or with Central Carolina Presbytery, by the Pastor or Ruling  
14 Elders of Countryside Presbyterian Church, requires three to three-and-one-half  
15 hours driving time in order to reach any usual meeting place; and  
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17 **Whereas**, in 1988 the Sixteenth General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in America  
18 established recommended guidelines for new Presbyteries to keep driving distances  
19 between churches within Presbytery bounds under two-and-one-half-hour time limit;  
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22 **Whereas**, in an effort to help resolve driving time issues, in 2008 Central Carolina Presbytery  
23 had already instructed an appointed Rules Study Committee to investigate the  
24 feasibility of the easternmost churches transferring to Triad Presbytery, or Eastern  
25 Carolina Presbytery; and  
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27 **Whereas**, the Rules of Study Committee report recorded in the Minutes of the 114th Stated  
28 Meeting of Central Carolina Presbytery of 2008 stated that such action would be  
29 "most properly initiated" by the easternmost churches; and  
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31 **Whereas**, Harnett County is geographically adjacent to Wake and Johnson Counties, which  
32 are within the bounds of Eastern Carolina Presbytery; and  
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34 **Whereas**, Countryside Presbyterian wishes to transfer membership to Eastern Carolina  
35 Presbytery; and  
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37 **Whereas**, Eastern Carolina Presbytery has approved such action; and  
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39 **Whereas**, the Session of Countryside Presbyterian Church of Cameron, North Carolina  
40 overtured Central Carolina Presbytery to approve this overture; and  
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42 **Whereas**, Central Carolina has approved the transfer of the pastor of Countryside to Eastern  
43 Carolina Presbytery, pending their examination and reception of his membership;

1 **Therefore**, Central Carolina Presbytery requests GA to approve a geographical adjustment  
2 of boundaries of both Central Carolina Presbytery and Eastern Carolina Presbytery  
3 effective July 1, 2009, as follows:  
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5 *Central Carolina Presbytery* shall no longer include Harnett County within its bounds,  
6 nor shall it consider Countryside Presbyterian Church under its oversight, and *Eastern*  
7 *Carolina Presbytery* will from that same time include Harnett County within its  
8 bounds and Countryside Presbyterian Church under its oversight.  
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10 *Adopted by Central Carolina Presbytery at its stated meeting, April 28, 2009*

11 *Attested by /s/ RE Howard Donahoe, stated clerk*