

1 **OVERTURE 20** from Northern California Presbytery (TO MNA)
2 “Redefine Boundaries of Northern California Presbytery”
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4 **Whereas**, all five of the PCA congregations in the state of Utah are members by choice of
5 the Northern California Presbytery and;
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7 **Whereas**, the ministers and churches from the state of Utah have been actively and regularly
8 involved in the meetings and committees of the Northern California Presbytery,
9 despite the fact that Salt Lake City is 800 miles from San Francisco and;
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11 **Whereas**, the Northern California Presbytery has held a stated meeting in the state of Utah
12 and provided financial and prayer support for the new churches in Utah and;
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14 **Whereas**, the churches and pastors in Utah have shown their effectiveness in reaching the
15 population of the state of Utah by all of those congregations being pioneer church
16 planting starts in the last decade, and that three of those congregations now own their
17 own church building and;
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19 **Whereas**, the churches in Utah are united together for the purpose of facilitating further
20 church planting through the creation of “Mission Utah” with a full-time paid
21 Executive Director who is a ruling elder in the PCA and through whose efforts one
22 million dollars has been raised or pledged toward further expansion of the PCA
23 specifically in the state of Utah and;
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25 **Whereas**, within ten years, if the Lord wills, we envision Christ’s Kingdom in Utah
26 expanding from 5 churches in a “destitute region” to 15 Churches directly reaching
27 2,000 souls every week through their congregational ministries and impacting their
28 communities – especially disenfranchised Mormons and nonbelievers and;
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30 **Whereas**, two church planting apprentices were trained for church planting work and it is
31 the goal to see each existing congregation train a church planting apprentice and to
32 duplicate themselves through a new church plant, and in order to determine church
33 planting apprentices, four summer interns a year will be employed and;
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35 **Whereas**, the communities of Bountiful, Riverton, Centerville, Rose Park, Heber City,
36 Sandy, Herriman, Spanish Fork, Logan, St. George, Midvale, Taylorsville, Murray,
37 Tooele, Provo have been identified as target areas for church planting and that an
38 ordained apprentice of our Presbytery has started a new work in Rose Park and a
39 church planter for St. George is being actively recruited;
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41 **Whereas**, when the boundaries for the Northern California Presbytery were being originally
42 drawn up, a small section of the city of Reno, Nevada was inadvertently left off of
43 the description of the inclusion of the city of Reno within our boundaries, a city with
44 close cultural and economic attachments to northern California;

1 **Therefore**, be it resolved that the Northern California Presbytery overtures the 37th General
2 Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in America to redefine the boundaries of the
3 Northern California Presbytery, as soon as practicable, as follows with the additions
4 in bold:

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6 All of the California counties north of and including the counties of San Luis Obispo,
7 Kings, Tulare, Fresno, and Mono; and the Nevada counties of Douglas, Lyon, Carson
8 City, **Washoe**, and Storey. Hawaii. **Utah**.

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10 *Approved by the Northern California Presbytery at its stated meeting, March 6-7, 2009*

11 *Attested by /s/ TE Andrew R. Y. Lee, stated clerk*

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13 Note: Rocky Mountain Presbytery and Pacific Presbytery also concur with this overture.