

1 **OVERTURE 18** from James River Presbytery (to CCB, OC)  
2 “Amend *RAO IX* So That Ad Interim Committees May Only Be Formed  
3 in Response to Presbytery Overtures”  
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5 **Whereas** Ad Interim committees reflect the will of the PCA as a whole to study or handle  
6 particular matters; and  
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8 **Whereas** the PCA, which values subsidiarity, has a “grassroots” tradition, and thus matters  
9 affecting the Church as a whole should normally arise from lower courts; and  
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11 **Whereas** recommendations from Permanent Committees may not be amended or perfected  
12 by debate by the Assembly; and  
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14 **Whereas** the Assembly’s Overtures Committee is designed to thoroughly debate and perfect  
15 resolutions arising from lower courts;  
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17 **Therefore be it resolved**, that *RAO* Article IX be amended by inserting a new paragraph 9-2,  
18 which would read:  
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20 9-2. Recommendations for the appointment of ad-interim or study committees  
21 shall arise only by way of overtures from Presbyteries, which shall be  
22 exclusively submitted to the Overtures Committee for recommendations to the  
23 General Assembly.  
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25 And further, that the subsequent paragraphs be renumbered accordingly.  
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27 *Adopted by James River Presbytery at its stated meeting, April 8, 2017*

28 *Attested by: /s/ RE Jeremy L. Pryor, stated clerk*