

1 **OVERTURE 2** from Westminster Presbytery  
2 “Concerning Same-sex Marriage”  
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4 A reaffirmation of the Presbyterian Church in America’s position on Homosexuality adopted  
5 at the 5th General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in America, 1977, 5-49, 4, p. 67 and  
6 8, p. 68 (<http://www.pcahistory.org/pca/2-398.html>)  
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8 **POSITION ON HOMOSEXUALITY**  
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10 **Whereas**, God has plainly spoken of homosexuality in his Word, denouncing both the act,  
11 and the lust as sin, condemning this perversion as unnatural, a degrading passion, an  
12 indecent act, an error, an abomination and hence worthy of death (*Lev. 18:22, Rom.*  
13 *1:26-32*) for those who practice or approve of it (*Romans 1: 32b*); and  
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15 **Whereas**, we recognize, that God's righteous judgment is upon those who approve of such  
16 detestable acts, as well as those who practice them; and  
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18 **Moreover**, whereas God has clearly stated that the condoning of homosexuality as well as  
19 murder, immorality, kidnapping, lying, perjury and all other unrighteousness is  
20 contrary to sound teaching (*1 Timothy 1:10-11, 2 Peter 3:14-18*);  
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22 **Therefore**, be it resolved that Westminster Presbytery reaffirm the historical Biblical  
23 position as adopted by the Fifth General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in  
24 America, which states that:  
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- 26 1. The act of homosexuality is a sin according to God's Word;
- 27 2. Churches should actively seek to lead the homosexual person to confession and  
28 repentance that he might find justification and sanctification in Jesus Christ,  
29 according to I Corinthians 6:11; and
- 30 3. In light of the Biblical view of its sinfulness, a practicing homosexual continuing  
31 in this sin would not be a fit candidate for ordination or membership in the  
32 Presbyterian Church in America.  
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34 **Be it further resolved** that Westminster Presbytery encourage their Pastors, Elders,  
35 Deacons and members to recognize their responsibility to do all in their power to  
36 peacefully petition the civil magistrate, that such men and women who practice,  
37 approve, or condone homosexuality not be invested with the authority to teach in  
38 schools or to use the powers of their vocation to influence our citizens to approve of  
39 or practice homosexuality.  
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41 **Be it further resolved** that Westminster Presbytery, in the name of the One and Only True  
42 and Living God, the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the ultimate King,  
43 Governor, and Judge of all nations, as revealed in the 66 Books of the Holy  
44 Scriptures consisting of the Old and New Testaments, do call upon our local, state  
45 and Federal legislatures, governors, and the President of the United States to cease

46 and desist from any legislation legalizing same sex marriage. This moral evil, that  
47 will further corrupt our society, may bring the temporal judgment of God Almighty  
48 both upon individuals and the nation now, and will certainly bring God's final  
49 judgment on individuals on Judgment Day.

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51 **Be it further resolved** that we, the Elders of Westminster Presbytery do call upon all  
52 Christians as individuals, churches, conventions, fellowships, presbyteries, and  
53 denominations to stand with us formally and publicly in the adoption of this  
54 resolution.

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56 **Be it further resolved** that our churches renew our commitment to proclaiming pardon to  
57 all who turn from their sin to the living God. *Do you not know that the unrighteous*  
58 *will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived. Neither fornicators, nor*  
59 *idolaters, nor adulterers, nor homosexuals, nor sodomites, nor thieves, nor covetous,*  
60 *nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners will inherit the kingdom of God. And*  
61 *such were some of you. But you were washed, but you were sanctified, but you were*  
62 *justified in the name of the Lord Jesus and by the Spirit of our God (1 Corinthians*  
63 *6:9-11).*

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65 *Approved by Westminster Presbytery at its stated meeting, July 13, 2013*

66 *Attested by /s/ TE Daniel Foreman, stated clerk*