

1 **OVERTURE 10** from Covenant Presbytery (to MNA)
2 “Redefine the Geographical Boundaries of The Presbytery of the Mississippi
3 Valley to include Carroll County South of Hwy 430 in Mississippi”
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5 **Whereas**, the General Assembly possesses power to unite and divide presbyteries with their
6 consent (*BCO* 14-6.e.); and
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8 **Whereas**, The Presbytery of the Covenant has received a request from the Sessions of the
9 Shongalo Presbyterian Church, Vaiden, MS, and the Blackmonton Presbyterian
10 Church, Vaiden, MS, to overture the General Assembly to transfer the portion of
11 Carroll County south of MS Hwy 430 in Mississippi from the geographic bounds of
12 Covenant Presbytery to the geographic bounds of The Presbytery of the Mississippi
13 Valley; and
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15 **Whereas** the congregations of the Shongalo Presbyterian Church, Vaiden, MS, and of the
16 Blackmonton Presbyterian Church, Vaiden, MS, unanimously approved such
17 request; and
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19 **Whereas**, Carroll County is adjacent to the northern border of The Presbytery of the
20 Mississippi Valley; and
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22 **Whereas**, the Shongalo and Blackmonton Sessions believe shorter average driving distances
23 to presbytery meetings in Mississippi Valley would help them achieve “more regular
24 participation in the stated meetings of presbytery”; and
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26 **Whereas**, Covenant Presbytery has previously allowed similar transfers for churches to
27 other presbyteries;
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29 **Therefore, Be It Resolved** that Covenant Presbytery respectfully overtures the 42nd General
30 Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in America to redraw the southern boundary of
31 Covenant Presbytery so that Carroll County south of MS Hwy 430 in Mississippi be
32 transferred from Covenant Presbytery effective July 1, 2014, upon their concurrence,
33 to The Presbytery of the Mississippi Valley.
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35 **Be It Further Resolved** that the Shongalo and Blackmonton Presbyterian Churches,
36 Vaiden, MS, be transferred to The Presbytery of the Mississippi Valley and that any
37 future churches in the said portion of Carroll County, MS, south of Highway 430
38 which may be developed be under the jurisdiction of The Presbytery of the
39 Mississippi Valley.
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41 *Adopted by Covenant Presbytery at its 130th stated meeting, February 4, 2014*

42 *Attested by /s/ TE Robert O Browning, stated clerk*