

1 **OVERTURE 14** from Eastern Pennsylvania Presbytery (to OC, Ad Interim Study  
2 “Receive the Report of the Ad Interim Study Committee Committee on  
3 on Insider Movements and Dismiss the Committee Insider Movements)  
4 with Thanks”  
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6 **Whereas** the partial report (part two of two parts) from the Ad Interim Study Committee on  
7 Insider Movements was recommitted by the 41st General Assembly without any  
8 specific guidance or directives; and  
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10 **Whereas** a Minority Report was additionally submitted recommending that its Minority  
11 Report be made available to the denomination for study; and  
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13 **Whereas** the Majority Report and the Minority Report contradict each other; and  
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15 **Whereas** the Majority Report rightly highlights the antithesis between Christianity and  
16 Islam while the Minority Report seems to highlight more of the common ground  
17 between the two; and  
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19 **Whereas** the Minority Report permits and/or encourages Muslim born professing believers  
20 to respect and honor Muhammad as a leader; and  
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22 **Whereas** the Minority Report tolerates the idea that the Qur’an can serve as a little “light of  
23 a candle” in darkness and that Muslim born professing believers can find inspiration  
24 from it; and  
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26 **Whereas** the Minority Report, in order to substantiate its argument, utilizes numerous  
27 anecdotal accounts of Muslim conversions as being beyond reproach or at least  
28 immune to criticism when in fact they are problematic and at times dubious; and  
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30 **Whereas** the Minority Report offers debatable and often confusing statements about the  
31 nature of professing believers in Islamic countries; and  
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33 **Whereas** the Minority Report’s Attachment 4 (Allah and Isa) makes alarming statements  
34 about the similarities between the god of Islam and the God of the Bible; and  
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36 **Whereas** the Minority Report lacks the clarity of the Majority Report; and  
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38 **Whereas** the Majority Report thoroughly and clearly deals with the history of the Insider  
39 Movements and exegetically, theologically, confessionally, and historically answers  
40 their mistakes; and  
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42 **Whereas** the Majority Report addresses all the concerns of the Minority Report but offers a  
43 more balanced and Reformed answer; and  
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1 **Whereas** the Majority Report has adequately and helpfully addressed everything assigned to  
2 the committee; and

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4 **Whereas** the Majority Report can stand on its own without the additional material found in  
5 the Minority Report;

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7 **Therefore be it resolved** that the 42nd General Assembly receive the Majority Report from  
8 the Ad Interim Study Committee on Insider Movements offered at the 41st General  
9 Assembly and dismiss the SCIM with thanks.

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11 *Adopted by Eastern Pennsylvania Presbytery at its stated meeting, February 15, 2014*

12 *Attested by /s/ TE Melvin H. Farrar, stated clerk*