

1 **OVERTURE 16** from Mississippi Valley Presbytery (to MNA)
2 “Redefine the Geographical Boundaries of The Presbytery of the Mississippi
3 Valley to include Carroll County South of Highway 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 Mississippi Valley has received a request from the Session
9 of the Shongalo Presbyterian Church, Vaiden, MS, and from the Blackmonton
10 Presbyterian Church, Vaiden, MS, to overture the General Assembly to transfer the
11 portion of Carroll County south of Mississippi Highway 430 in Mississippi from the
12 geographic bounds of Covenant Presbytery to the geographic bounds of The
13 Presbytery of the Mississippi 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 request;
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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 The Presbytery of the Mississippi Valley respectfully
30 overtures the 42nd General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in America to
31 redraw the northern boundary of The Presbytery of the Mississippi Valley so that
32 Carroll County south of Mississippi Highway 430 in Mississippi be transferred from
33 Covenant Presbytery, effective July 1, 2014, upon their concurrence, to The
34 Presbytery of the Mississippi Valley.
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36 **Be it further resolved** that the Shongalo and Blackmonton Presbyterian Churches, Vaiden,
37 MS, be transferred to The Presbytery of the Mississippi Valley and that any future
38 churches in the said portion of Carroll County, MS, south of Highway 430 which
39 may be developed be under the jurisdiction of The Presbytery of the Mississippi
40 Valley.
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42 *Adopted by Mississippi Valley Presbytery at its stated meeting, February 4, 2014*
43 *Attested by /s/ TE Roger G. Collins, stated clerk*