

1 **OVERTURE 26** from Korean Southwest Presbytery (to MNA)  
2 "Divide Korean Southwest Presbytery into Two Presbyteries"  
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4 **Whereas**, the 1982 PCA General Assembly gave permission for Korean Churches in the  
5 PCA to form Korean language presbytery and in 1992, the PCA General Assembly again  
6 gave permission for the Korean Language presbyteries to exist permanently in the PCA; and,  
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8 **Whereas**, Korean language presbyteries have grown from one national presbytery to eight  
9 presbyteries and number of Korean churches in the PCA has grown to more than 200  
10 and still growing; and,  
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12 **Whereas**, Korean Southwest Presbytery has been operating bilingually because of the  
13 presence of many English speaking second generation pastors and churches; and,  
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15 **Whereas**, Korean Southwest Presbytery presently covers a large geographical area  
16 including the states of California, Nevada, Arizona, and Colorado; and,  
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18 **Whereas**, the total population of Korean ethnic group in California alone is 452,000  
19 according to the 2010 U.S Census; and,  
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21 **Whereas**, the total number of churches in the KSWP is 42 as of 2013, including 26  
22 particularized churches and 16 mission churches; and,  
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24 **Whereas**, the total number of teaching elders in the KSWP is 126 as of 2013; and,  
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26 **Whereas**, the excessively long travel time for the stated meeting as well as other committee  
27 meetings have been hampering the efficiency of the operation and further growth of  
28 the presbytery; and,  
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30 **Whereas**, there are opportunities of potential growth of the presbytery in Los Angeles  
31 County and Orange County, particularly in large cities such as Los Angeles City,  
32 Diamond Bar, and Rowland Heights, and in the South, cities like Fullerton, Anaheim,  
33 Irvine, San Diego;  
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35 **Therefore**, Korean Southwest Presbytery hereby overtures the 42nd General Assembly of  
36 Presbyterian Church in America to divide the presbytery, effective immediately, into  
37 two:  
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39 **Korean Southwest Presbytery** covering Los Angeles County, adjacent  
40 counties in California (excluding counties covered by Korean Northwest  
41 Presbytery) and the State of Colorado and the State of Nevada;  
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43 **Korean Southwest Orange County (O.C.) Presbytery** covering Orange  
44 County, San Diego County, Riverside County, Imperial County, and the  
45 state of Arizona.  
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47 *Adopted by Korean Southwest Presbytery at its stated meeting, March 11, 2014*  
48 *Attested by /s/ TE Sang Kim, stated clerk*