

1 **OVERTURE 28** from Evangel Presbytery (to MNA)

2 “Transfer Coosa County, Alabama, to Evangel Presbytery”

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4 **Whereas**, the Unity Presbyterian Church has been a part of the Presbyterian Church in  
5 America for one year, having been released by the Shepherds and Lapsley Presbytery  
6 of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America; and

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8 **Whereas**, it was the Evangel Presbytery who assisted the Unity Presbyterian Church in its  
9 journey from the PCUSA to the PCA via personal relationships (this being agreed to  
10 by the Southeast Alabama Presbytery), and the initial connections between the Unity  
11 Presbyterian Church and the PCA having been made through the Evangel  
12 Presbytery, the PCA should continue to capitalize on these personal connections and  
13 to enable as smooth a transition as possible; and

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15 **Whereas**, personal relationships have strengthened through the process; through attendance  
16 at Presbytery meetings (Unity hosted Evangel Presbytery in August 2013 – the first  
17 time a Presbytery meeting has been held in Weogufka, Alabama, although the  
18 Presbyterian Church has been there since 1858); and through the calling of a pastor  
19 who was a candidate for the ministry under care of Evangel Presbytery now ordained  
20 by Evangel Presbytery, and God is blessing the Church and this relationship; and

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22 **Whereas**, the closest congregations of the PCA to this Unity Presbyterian Church are in the  
23 bounds of Evangel Presbytery, namely Knollwood Presbyterian Church in  
24 Sylacauga, Southwood Presbyterian Church in Talladega, Salem Presbyterian  
25 Church in Alpine, and a new outreach work in Columbiana; and members of this  
26 Unity congregation are friends with many who are members of these congregations  
27 in the bounds of Evangel Presbytery;

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29 **Therefore**, Evangel Presbytery of the Presbyterian Church in America does overture the  
30 General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in America, meeting in Houston,  
31 Texas, in the year 2014, to change the boundaries of Evangel Presbytery to include  
32 the county of Coosa into Evangel Presbytery, effective immediately.

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34 *Adopted by Evangel Presbytery at its stated meeting, November 12, 2013*

35 *Attested by /s/ TE Thomas T. Joseph, stated clerk*