

1 **OVERTURE 31** from Catawba Valley Presbytery (to CCB, OC)
2 “Add Proof Texts Cited in the *Confession of Faith* 24.1 to *The Directory*
3 *of Worship* 59-3 regarding Marriage”
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5 Due to the rapid acceptance of so-called same-sex marriage in our government and military,
6 the Session of the Shearer Presbyterian Church (incorporated), Mooresville, NC, meeting
7 Feb 9, 2014, submitted to Catawba Valley Presbytery the following overture, which was
8 adopted by the Presbytery and is now submitted to the General Assembly.
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10 **Whereas**, our Standard as a Church of Jesus Christ is His Holy Word (Matt. 28:20); and
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12 **Whereas**, His Word teaches that “God created man in His own image, in the image of God
13 He created him; male and female He created them” (Gen. 1:27); and
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15 **Whereas**, “God brought the woman He created to the man He created” (Gen. 2:22); and
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17 **Whereas**, the pattern of marriage is that “a man shall leave his father and mother and be
18 joined to his wife, and they shall become one flesh” (Gen. 2:24; Matt. 19:5); and
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20 **Whereas**, Scripture gives many examples of marriage between a man and a woman, even
21 comparing the union of Christ and His Church to a marriage (2 Cor. 11:2); and
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23 **Whereas**, it has been the unanimous belief and practice of Christendom that marriage
24 should be between a man and a woman; and
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26 **Whereas**, the *Westminster Confession of Faith*, our creedal standard among Presbyterians,
27 states, “Marriage is to be between one man and one woman” (WCF 24:1);
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29 **Therefore**, Catawba Valley Presbytery overtures the General Assembly to strengthen *The*
30 *Directory of Worship* 59-3 by adding the proof texts cited in the *Westminster*
31 *Confession of Faith* 24.1 as underlined: “Marriage is to be between one man and one
32 woman, in accordance with the Word of God (Gen 2:24; Matt 19:5–6;) and the
33 *Westminster Confession of Faith* 24.1.
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35 *Adopted by Catawba Valley Presbytery at a called meeting, February 25, 2014*

36 *Attested by /s/ TE Michael Wesley James, stated clerk*