

1 **OVERTURE 44** from Potomac Presbytery (to MNA)
2 "Creation of PCA Unity Fund"
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4 **Whereas**, the 43rd General Assembly considered a personal resolution on racial
5 reconciliation and referred the matter to the 44th General Assembly, so that lower
6 courts could perfect and propose a resolution encouraging heartfelt repentance; and
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8 **Whereas**, presbyteries have responded to this appeal "to prayerfully consider any and all
9 sins of racial prejudice" by submitting overtures on racial reconciliation that call us
10 to individual and corporate repentance; and
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12 **Whereas**, repentance is an essential first step of racial reconciliation, but not the only one; and
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14 **Whereas**, the 43rd General Assembly also encouraged sessions and presbyteries to "pursue a
15 proper course of action humbly, sincerely and expeditiously"; and
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17 **Whereas**, a proper course of action would include actively welcoming minority brothers
18 called to pastoral ministry and encouraging their representation as Ruling and
19 Teaching Elders in the PCA;
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21 **Therefore be it resolved**, that the 44th General Assembly create a fund to be known as "The
22 PCA Unity Fund" to help raise up future generations of godly, reformed African
23 American and other minority Ruling and Teaching Elders that would include the
24 following objectives:
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- 26 a) Provide tuition to approved Reformed seminaries for minority PCA seminarians;
- 27 b) Pay expenses for minority Ruling and Teaching Elders to attend General
28 Assembly;
- 29 c) Support the compensation expenses of minorities serving as an Assistant Pastor
30 in a PCA church, for the first two years of their ministry in churches that pledge
31 to provide full support by the third year;
- 32 d) Provide means for historians to explore the role that Reformed minority pastors
33 and theologians have played in our country's history.
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35 **Be it further resolved**, that this Unity Fund would be managed by Mission to North
36 America, which would be responsible for:
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- 38 a) Establishing a board that reports to MNA and is comprised of African American
39 and other minority teaching and ruling elders of the PCA;
- 40 b) Receiving, receipting and disbursing monies;
- 41 c) Approving the seminaries to which support can be directed;
- 42 d) Encouraging individuals, churches and presbyteries to donate to the fund.
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44 *Adopted by Potomac Presbytery at its stated meeting, March 19, 2016*

45 *Attested by /s/ RE Charles D. Robinson, stated clerk*