

1 **OVERTURE 28** from Westminster Presbytery (to OC)
2 “Affirmations and Denials regarding Homosexuality”
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4 **Whereas** a controversy has arisen in the Presbyterian Church in America over certain
5 teachings espoused by Revoice, an organization that is promoting LGBT+ flourishing
6 in various PCA churches, it has become necessary to clarify and reaffirm what the
7 Bible teaches concerning homosexuality and gender;
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9 **Therefore be it resolved** that Westminster Presbytery ask the 47th General Assembly of the
10 Presbyterian Church in America to adopt the following 12 articles that clarify and
11 affirm the Bible’s teaching about homosexuality and gender.
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13 **Article 1**

14 WE AFFIRM that homosexual attraction, homosexual orientation, and homosexual acts are
15 against nature and sinful. (Rom. 1:26-27)
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17 WE DENY that homosexual attraction is part of the original creation order, since God created
18 man in His image male and female for one another. (Gen. 1:27-28; Gen. 2:18, 21-24; Mt. 19:4-6)
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20 **Article 2**

21 WE AFFIRM that homosexual attraction is a vile, degrading, and dishonorable passion, and
22 those who condone homosexuality invite the further judgment of God. (Rom. 1:26-32)
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24 WE DENY that unrepentant homosexuals will inherit the kingdom of God. (1 Cor. 6:9-10)
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26 **Article 3**

27 WE AFFIRM that Jesus condemned both sinful sexual attractions and sinful sexual actions.
28 (Mt. 5:27-28)
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30 WE DENY that scripture permits homosexual attraction and orientation. (Rom. 1:26-27)
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32 **Article 4**

33 WE AFFIRM that those with homosexual attractions, incestuous attractions, and bestial
34 attractions are ”sexual minorities” in the church.
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36 WE DENY that there is any virtue in being identified as a “sexual minority,” because all of
37 these dispositions are sinful. (Lev. 18:6, 22-23; 20:13, 15-16)
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39 **Article 5**

40 WE AFFIRM that God by His grace can change an unnatural sexual orientation. (1 Cor. 6:11;
41 1 Jn. 1:9)
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43 WE DENY that unnatural sexual orientations are fixed, permanent, and unchangeable.
44 (Col. 1:21-23)
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46 **Article 6**

47 WE AFFIRM that many people having a homosexual orientation do not desire this orientation.
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49 WE DENY that unwanted vile passions are natural, neutral, or good. (Rom. 7:21-25)

Article 7

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2 WE AFFIRM that Christians ought to abhor homosexual sin (Lev. 18:22). Abhorrence of all
3 sin should be cultivated. Those who love the Lord hate evil. (Ps. 97:10)
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5 WE DENY that revulsion and abhorrence of homosexual sin is sinful. (Rom. 12:9; 1 Cor. 13:4-7)
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Article 8

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8 WE AFFIRM that people living in homosexual sin should be shown kindness and lovingly
9 encouraged to turn from their sin to serve Christ who alone can deliver them from sin and its
10 shame. (Mk. 2:16-17; James 5:19-20)
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12 WE DENY that it is loving or kind to try to diminish or remove the shame of homosexual
13 attraction and orientation, since God calls it shameful. (Rom. 1:26-27; Jer. 6:14-15)
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Article 9

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16 WE AFFIRM that repentant sinners turning from all unnatural attractions and trusting in
17 Christ should be welcomed into the church as members in good standing. (1 Tim. 1:15-16)
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19 WE DENY that followers of Christ who struggle with homosexual attraction should be
20 identified as “LGBT+ Christians,” because it dishonors Christ to identify with sinful
21 attractions and orientations. (2 Cor. 5:16-17; 1 Cor. 6:9-11)
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Article 10

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24 WE AFFIRM that homosexual attraction should be mortified by the power of the Spirit.
25 (Col. 3:1-7; Rom. 8:12-14; 1 Thess. 4:3-5)
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27 WE DENY that continuing homosexual attraction or failure to attain orientation change is
28 evidence of God’s approval of these unnatural and vile passions. (Rom. 7:21-25; Rom. 1:26-27)
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Article 11

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31 WE AFFIRM that those struggling with unlawful sexual attractions of any kind should be
32 encouraged to seek the help, prayer, and counsel of mature believers, elders, and pastors.
33 (James 5:16; Heb. 3:12-13; Heb. 10:24-25)
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35 WE DENY that those struggling with homosexual attraction and orientation should suffer in
36 silence. (Gal. 6:1-2)
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Article 12

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39 WE AFFIRM that our inward self-conception and outward gender identity must conform to
40 the sex God assigned us at conception, and thus we are to live in obedience to his call evident
41 in our reproductive organs. (Dt. 22:5)
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43 WE DENY that physical anomalies or psychological conditions nullify the union God has
44 decreed between biological sex and self-conception and gender identity.
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46 *Adopted by Westminster Presbytery at its stated meeting, March 9, 2019*

47 *Attested by /s/ TE Mark J. Blalack, stated clerk*