

1 **OVERTURE 30** from Illiana Presbytery (to AC, OC)  
2 “Establish Study Committee on Same-sex Orientation and Gender Identity”  
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4 **Whereas**, the Fifth PCA General Assembly in 1977 affirmed “the Biblical position for our  
5 denomination which states that: (1) The act of homosexuality is a sin according to  
6 God’s Word; (2) Churches should actively seek to lead the homosexual person to  
7 confession and repentance that he might find justification and sanctification in Jesus  
8 Christ, according to 1 Corinthians 6:11; and, (3) In light of the Biblical view of its  
9 sinfulness, a practicing homosexual continuing in this sin would not be a fit candidate  
10 for ordination or membership in the Presbyterian Church in America”; and  
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12 **Whereas**, the PCA General Assembly has affirmed this position on subsequent occasions,  
13 including 1996 and 1999; and  
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15 **Whereas**, the Revoice Conference held at Memorial Presbyterian Church (PCA) in St. Louis,  
16 MO, has promoted questions and concerns about the PCA’s position on sexual  
17 orientation and gender identity that are not addressed in the affirmation of the Fifth  
18 General Assembly; and  
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20 **Whereas**, the peace and purity of Christ’s church is under assault by the acceptance of cultural  
21 norms and misleadings concerning sexual orientation and identity;  
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23 **Therefore be it resolved** that Illiana Presbytery hereby overtures the 47<sup>th</sup> General Assembly  
24 of the Presbyterian Church in America to form a study committee comprised of at least  
25 four Teaching and four Ruling Elders appointed by the Moderator, to study questions  
26 of same-sex orientation and gender identity and to develop a PCA position statement  
27 on these matters.  
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29 *Adopted by Illiana Presbytery at its stated meeting, February 9, 2019*

30 *Attested by /s/ TE J. Dawson Miller , stated clerk*