

1 **OVERTURE 48** from the Session of Christ the King Presbyterian Church, (to OC)  
2 Norman, Oklahoma (Rejected by Hills and Plains Presbytery at its stated  
3 meeting May 4, 2019 [RAO 11-10])  
4 “Make a Stronger Statement regarding Abortion”  
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6 **Whereas**, the Word of God indicates that all human beings are created in the image of God  
7 (Genesis 1:26, 27) and consequently have great worth in God’s sight, and  
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9 **Whereas**, God’s Word also indicates that human life is therefore of such value that to destroy  
10 that life for any reason other than that which God has prescribed, which is murder, is  
11 of such seriousness as to merit capital punishment (Genesis 9:5, 6), and  
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13 **Whereas**, God has clearly indicated in His Word that murder is a sin against Him, according  
14 to the moral law applicable to all times and circumstances, as codified in the tablets of  
15 stone known as the Ten Commandments (Exodus 20:13; Deuteronomy 5:17), and  
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17 **Whereas**, the Supreme Court decision known as *Roe v. Wade*, which struck down laws  
18 prohibiting the practice of abortion of unborn children and legalized abortion in every  
19 state in the United States of America, was predicated upon a fraudulent case involving  
20 false testimony with respect to the circumstances surrounding it, which circumstances  
21 thus wielded powerfully emotional and insidiously persuasive, yet mythical, import,  
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24 **Whereas**, the fraudulent nature of the entire case was irrefutably verified by testimony  
25 subsequent to the ruling by the plaintiff in the case, Norma McCorvey, the so-called  
26 Jane Roe, such that crucial alleged facts testified to in court regarding her need for an  
27 abortion and injuries suffered by her due to her inability to obtain one were untrue (as  
28 documented in the books *I Am Roe: My Life*, *Roe V. Wade*, and *Freedom of Choice* and  
29 *Won by Love* and the documentary film “I Was Wrong”), and  
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31 **Whereas**, Ms. McCorvey spent much of the rest of her life seeking to correct the record and  
32 advocate the pro-life cause, and  
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34 **Whereas**, in the course of such advocacy, Ms. McCorvey testified to the manipulation and  
35 use of her by ideological radicals intent on promoting the legalization of abortion by  
36 any means necessary, and  
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38 **Whereas**, her obviously relevant and groundbreaking testimony has been largely ignored by  
39 both the mainstream media and our culture at large, such that *Roe v. Wade*, as legal  
40 opinion, is unjustifiably and ignorantly revered by many, and  
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42 **Whereas**, the practice of abortion and its promotion have long been linked to the secular  
43 humanistic ideology undergirding the practice of eugenics, which came to expression  
44 in the death camps of Nazi Germany, and which was advocated in the writings of the  
45 founder (Margaret Sanger, who publicly advocated the forced sterilization, abortion,

1 and elimination of whole races and classes of people) of the most prolific dispenser of  
2 abortion today, Planned Parenthood, and  
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4 **Whereas**, recent video documentary evidence (made public by the Center for Medical  
5 Progress in 2015, and validated by the investigation and ruling of the United States  
6 Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals in January, 2019) has demonstrated that Planned  
7 Parenthood has sold body parts obtained through abortion to those wishing to harvest  
8 human organs for a variety of purposes, in violation of law, and  
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10 **Whereas**, certain lawmakers within the United States government have persisted and now  
11 again succeeded in forcing American taxpayers, against their desires and beliefs, in  
12 multiple ways, to fund and undergird these wicked practices through government  
13 subsidization of Planned Parenthood and other less prominent abortion providers, and  
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15 **Whereas**, medical science has advanced to the point of demonstrating, beyond a shadow of a  
16 doubt, that the fetus within a mother's womb is a living organism, distinct from the  
17 mother's body (possessing distinct DNA, etc.), and  
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19 **Whereas**, the notion that a living being changes into a different type of organism by passing  
20 through a birth canal is untenable, both logically and scientifically, and  
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22 **Whereas**, God's Word refers to life in the womb as having personal and human existence  
23 (e.g., Psalm 139:15, 16) and metes out capital punishment for causing the death of an  
24 unborn child, confirming its status as a human being created in the image of God  
25 (Exodus 21:22-25), and  
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27 **Whereas**, the oft-cited cases of rape and incest do not justify the practice of abortion, since  
28 the unborn child bears no responsibility for those sins and is the one who is punished  
29 by losing his life through abortion, though innocent, which is a gross injustice and  
30 which adds sin to sin, and  
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32 **Whereas**, there are no such things as "unwanted children," adoption agencies having waiting  
33 lists of years consisting of couples who desperately want children and would gladly  
34 take those who are being aborted, and  
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36 **Whereas**, the support services for pregnant women, including the unwed, are so prolific as to  
37 render any woman contemplating an abortion utterly unjustified, if not dishonest, in  
38 basing her decision on a lack of support or ability to raise the child, and  
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40 **Whereas**, since Roe v. Wade, there have been more than 51 million murders of human beings  
41 through abortion in the United States (an extremely conservative figure, according to  
42 a comparison of information from the Centers for Disease Control and the Guttmacher

1 Institute), the overwhelming majority of which have been perpetrated in order to avoid  
2 responsibility, undergird promiscuity, assert sinful autonomy, or for other depraved  
3 purposes (based on information obtained through surveys by the Guttmacher  
4 Institute), and  
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6 **Whereas**, according to statistics available to the public, in the state of New York there are  
7 now more abortions than live births, and  
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9 **Whereas**, God’s Word continually commands His people to do such as to “open your mouth  
10 for the mute, for the rights of all who are destitute; open your mouth, judge righteously,  
11 defend the rights of the poor and needy” (Proverbs 31:8, 9), and is full of such  
12 admonitions to speak for and defend those who cannot speak for or defend themselves,  
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15 **Whereas**, the foregoing demonstrates that the unborn are most certainly a quintessential  
16 example of such a category of persons, and  
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18 **Whereas**, the recent bill passed by the New York legislature and signed into law by its  
19 governor effectively legalizes not only abortion up until the moment of birth, but also  
20 infanticide after birth at the sole discretion of the mother, an act which was given a  
21 standing ovation by those present, and  
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23 **Whereas**, actions such as these are beyond ghastly and are indicated in Scripture to invite the  
24 severe judgment of God upon societies and nations which permit such atrocities, and  
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26 **Whereas**, our *Confession of Faith* indicates that it is proper and necessary for synods, “...by  
27 way of humble petition in cases extraordinary...” (*WCF* 31:4) to address matters  
28 which pertain to the civil magistrate, and  
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30 **Whereas**, both the legalization of the murder of a helpless class, resulting in the loss of more  
31 than 51 million lives, and the forced subsidization of such by individuals opposed to  
32 it, constitute such an extraordinary case by any reasonable and honest definition, and  
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34 **Whereas**, elders in the Church of the Lord Jesus Christ are shepherds and watchmen, given  
35 the responsibility to warn its people of the solemn judgment of God when their sin  
36 demands such, and  
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38 **Whereas**, the Scriptures declare that a failure to discharge this responsibility faithfully, as in  
39 the case of the watchmen and shepherds of Israel, disposes those shepherds and  
40 watchmen themselves to the awesome judgment of God (Isaiah 56:9-12; Ezekiel 33:1-  
41 9; 34:1-10);  
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43 **Therefore**, be it resolved that the Session of Christ the King Presbyterian Church, Norman,  
44 Oklahoma, hereby overture the 47<sup>th</sup> General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in

1 America and request that it officially, and on the basis of the inspired and authoritative  
2 Word of God, declare the following:

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4 First, that all who participate in the practice of abortion, including mothers, for any  
5 reason other than to save the physical life of the mother, are guilty of complicity in  
6 heinous sin, and subject to the severe judgment of God unless they repent and seek His  
7 forgiveness,

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9 Second, that all such above persons are not beyond the grace of God, and that  
10 forgiveness and healing are abundantly available to such as will humble themselves in  
11 godly sorrow leading to sincere repentance and submission to the revealed will of God  
12 in Scripture,

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14 Third, that sexual activity and pregnancy are inextricably linked according to the  
15 design of God the Creator, rendering individuals engaged in intentional sexual activity  
16 responsible for all of its results and consequences, and

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18 Fourth, that a woman's body, in addition to being biologically distinct from an unborn  
19 baby, is moreover not solely her own, to be regarded and utilized purely in accordance  
20 with her own autonomous discretion, but rather ultimately belongs to God the Creator,  
21 and is to be utilized strictly in accordance with His revealed will, and

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23 Fifth, that all professing Christians, especially those who labor in civil government,  
24 are obligated to oppose the practice of abortion with all the vehemence befitting the  
25 severity and urgency of the issue,

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27 Sixth, that professing Christians who labor in civil government, who also advocate and  
28 approve of the practice of abortion, should be disciplined to the limit of church censure  
29 until and unless they repent of such wickedness, and

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31 Seventh, that the civil authorities in the United States of America, at all levels, are  
32 hereby warned that they are inviting the temporal and awesome judgment of God upon  
33 our nation in allowing this atrocity to continue, and that they are urged to repent and  
34 exercise their God-given function of restraining evil by protecting the rights of all  
35 people, especially the powerless, and including the unborn, and

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37 Eighth, that the churches of the Presbyterian Church in America are urged to consider  
38 the inclusion of ministries to abortion clinics and support of and cooperation with pro-  
39 life pregnancy resource agencies as part of their diaconal programs, and

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41 Ninth, that the churches of the Presbyterian Church in America are urged to redouble  
42 their efforts in biblical instruction on sex, sexuality, marriage, and family, and on  
43 God's will concerning the interrelation of and participation in all of these.

1 **Grounds:**

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3 1. The previous overtures and statements approved by the General Assembly, while salutary,  
4 do not speak explicitly and strongly enough to the biblical specifics surrounding the issue.

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6 2. These previous overtures contain nothing affirming and declaring the responsibility of the  
7 Church to discipline those who are sinning in this area.

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9 3. These previous overtures include little regarding the responsibility of Christian political  
10 leaders to oppose abortion, or regarding their sin in being complicit in approving or promoting  
11 it through various legislation, and their consequent liability to church discipline. Inasmuch as  
12 there are many professing Christians in the political arena who regard their political activity  
13 and commitments as unaccountable to church discipline and who thus feel confident in  
14 participating in the promotion of abortion on demand and its funding with no spiritual  
15 consequences, this needs to be addressed explicitly and officially by the Church, and such  
16 attention is long overdue.

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18 4. The scientific, historical, and moral mythology surrounding abortion and its justification,  
19 including the deceptive and false context of the Roe V. Wade decision, and the nature and  
20 history of Planned Parenthood, needs to be officially and comprehensively addressed in the  
21 rationale for the Church's position. This has not been adequately accomplished in previous  
22 overtures, and is the reason for the extensive "Whereas" section of the proposed overture.

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24 5. The secular humanistic culture concomitant with abortion on demand is becoming more  
25 brazen and aggressive daily. This requires a forceful, frank, and aggressive response from the  
26 Church. Abortion is an atrocity. Language which mollifies portrayal of the extreme evil of its  
27 nature, or which fails to speak accurately and honestly about the ramifications of its practice,  
28 is a dereliction of the duty of ministers of the Word and shepherds who are called to tell the  
29 sheep the truth, whatever consequences that might entail. To water down the truth in an effort  
30 to be "temperate" is in this context to unfaithful to our calling.

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32 6. Sound and truly loving pastoral practice brings those who have sinned to an awareness of  
33 the heinousness of their sin, leading to godly sorrow which produces true repentance unto life.  
34 A too hasty application of comfort to those who have sinned in this way makes such a process  
35 impossible. Discretion and prudence are needed in the application of truth to individual cases,  
36 discerning where a person is in the process of repentance, but refraining from strong public  
37 statements and warnings regarding the practice of abortion does not well serve those who are  
38 grieving over their sin. Rather, true repentance joined with genuine faith in the justifying grace  
39 of Christ should render such individuals the strongest proponents of such language.