

OVERTURE from South Texas Presbytery “ ____ ”

Whereas, there has been debate among churches in the Presbyterian Church in America (PCA) concerning the relationship of church and state that has occurred under the broad term of Christian Nationalism; and

Whereas, Christian Nationalism has been promulgated theologically by Moscow Theology and Postmillennial Theonomic Reconstructionism; and

Whereas, there has been disagreement and confusion regarding what these various viewpoints actually teach; these variations have caused confusion, division, and dissension among the congregants of PCA churches and disturbed PCA pastors and officers; and

Whereas, many members of PCA churches continue to encounter, be influenced by, and be disturbed by these teachings from various online sources; and

Whereas, questions have been raised regarding current conformity of these viewpoints to the system of doctrine taught in the Westminster Standards as held by the PCA; and

Whereas, the above mentioned viewpoints have brought confusion on theological definitions and concepts that have disrupted the peace, purity, and progress of a significant number of families, churches, and sessions within the PCA; and

Whereas, church courts have the responsibility to determine questions of doctrine seriously, and in general to maintain truth and righteousness, condemning erroneous opinions which tend to bring injury to the peace, purity, or progress of the Church (BCO 11-4);

Therefore, be it resolved, that the 52nd PCA General Assembly erect and convene a new Ad Interim Study Committee to study Christian Nationalism (RAO 9-1), to study the relationship between Christian Nationalism, Moscow Theology, Postmillennial Theonomic Reconstructionism, and similar viewpoints deemed necessary by the committee. Further, the committee shall advise on whether these viewpoints and formulations are in conformity with the system of doctrine taught in the Westminster Standards or where they may diverge from the system of doctrine. Further, the committee shall write a report that gives pastoral guidance when addressing congregations, new members, and future officers of the PCA; and

Be it further resolved, that the committee shall be appointed by the moderator; and

Be it further resolved, that the budget for the study committee be set at \$10,000/year and that funds be derived from gifts to the AC designated for that purpose. Presbyteries, churches, and individuals are highly encouraged to contribute funds to the AC, designated for this work with members of South Texas Presbytery committed to offer \$5,000/year.