

OVERTURE ## From \_\_\_\_\_ Presbytery (to MNA)  
“Divide \_\_\_\_\_ Presbytery into Two Presbyteries”

**Whereas,** \_\_\_\_\_ Presbytery of the Presbyterian Church in America exists for the Glory of God and the furtherance of His Kingdom here on Earth;

**Whereas,** \_\_\_\_\_ Presbytery currently consists of \_\_\_\_\_ (##) particular and mission congregations comprising more than ten thousand (10,000) communing members within a geographical area spanning \_\_\_\_\_ (##) counties (and over two and one-half hours of driving time, *include this only if needed/applicable*);

**Whereas,** the 16th General Assembly adopted guidelines for the multiplication of existing presbyteries into new presbyteries, which guidelines provide a set of ideals governing the development of new presbyteries;

**Whereas,** the 41st General Assembly published a more thorough articulation of *Guidelines for Forming New Presbyteries through the Division or Multiplication of Existing Presbyteries* (Appendix G, Attachment 6);

**Whereas,** \_\_\_\_\_ Presbytery has reached and exceeded thirty (30) congregations;

**Whereas,** \_\_\_\_\_ Presbytery may be equitably subdivided along a north-south/east-west (*or some other geo-directional indicator*) boundary into two (2) presbyteries of at least twenty (20) congregations and/or mission works comprising well over one thousand (1,000) communing members each;

**Whereas,** certain congregations occupying either one or the other half of \_\_\_\_\_ Presbytery have developed a strong sense of mutual care and potential for shared ministry and joint ministry projects;

**Whereas,** \_\_\_\_\_ (##) of the particular congregations located in the eastern/northern/etc. half of \_\_\_\_\_ Presbytery have communing membership in excess of one hundred twenty-five (125), with strong prospects for continued growth in the future;

**Whereas,** \_\_\_\_\_ (##) of the particular congregations located in the western/southern/etc. half of \_\_\_\_\_ Presbytery have communing membership in excess of one hundred twenty-five (125), with strong prospects for continued growth in the future;

**Whereas,** there is a commonly recognized regional identity within the geographical bounds of the eastern/northern/etc. half of \_\_\_\_\_ Presbytery comprised of \_\_\_\_\_ County/ies (*include any other applicable geographical boundaries*) which does not partition any existing metropolitan areas;

**Whereas,** \_\_\_\_\_ Presbytery believes it is consistent with the guidelines of the 16th General Assembly to multiply the presbytery into two presbyteries of equitable composition, divided (*include any applicable geographical boundaries, preferably along county, city, or some other municipal boundaries; alternatively, you can name topographical features or roads/highways*), and that this multiplication of ministry would further the advance of God's Kingdom and the growth of His Church on Earth;

**NOW, THEREFORE** \_\_\_\_\_ Presbytery hereby petitions and overtures the General Assembly pursuant to 14-6(e) of the *Book of Church Order* of the Presbyterian Church in America as follows:

- (1) To remove \_\_\_\_\_ County/ies from the existing bounds of \_\_\_\_\_ Presbytery;

- (2) To erect the " \_\_\_\_\_ Presbytery," establishing the boundaries of such presbytery to include \_\_\_\_\_ County/ies and the particular and mission congregations currently located in said geography;
- (3) To authorize the conduct of business by this newly established church court effective July 1, 20\_\_, consistent with Chapter 13 of the Book of Church Order and such other provisions as may apply.

It is so moved and approved by the Assembled Court of \_\_\_\_\_ Presbytery this \_\_\_nd/th day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_.

Attested by: /s/ \_\_\_\_\_, Moderator, \_\_\_\_\_ Presbytery

This Overture was moved, seconded and approved at a duly constituted meeting of \_\_\_\_\_ Presbytery at which a quorum was present.

Attested by: /s/ \_\_\_\_\_, Stated Clerk