

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