

Overture #3

Original Text	Proposed Revisions <i>bold italicized</i>
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Rationale:

- This eliminates and clarifies a present redundancy.



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Rivers & Lakes Presbytery hereby respectfully overtures the 46th General Assembly of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church:

Whereas it belongs to synods and councils to make provision for the better administration of the government of the Visible Kingdom through the Order of the church (WCF 31.2); and

Whereas that earthly government must be maintained through diligence since it may err and need to be corrected or improved upon (WCF 31.3); and

Whereas *The Book of Government* grants the authority and responsibility of Presbyteries “to overture the General Assembly on those matters it believes vital or helpful to the whole Church,” (BOG 194.C.2);

Therefore, be it resolved that Rivers & Lakes Presbytery overtures the 46th General Assembly of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church regarding three matters as enumerated below:

Overture #1 - Proposed amendments to *The Book of Government* 5-10.

(Approved with a vote of 44 in favor, 0 opposed)

Overture #2 - Proposed amendments to *The Book of Government* 9-5.

(Approved with a vote of 23 in favor, 14 opposed)

Overture #3 - Proposed amendments to *The Book of Government* 19-3.

(Approved with a vote of 42 in favor, 0 opposed)

Approved by Rivers & Lakes Presbytery at its 46th Stated Meeting, January 23, 2026.

Handwritten signature of George Kalemkarian in black ink.

RE George Kalemkarian, Moderator

Handwritten signature of Annie Rose in black ink.

TE Annie Rose, Stated Clerk