



To TE Dean Weaver, Stated Clerk:

Grace to you, and peace, from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

The included overture to the 46<sup>th</sup> General Assembly was adopted by the session of Warsaw EPC (Warsaw, Indiana) on April 13, 2026, and subsequently adopted by the Presbytery of the Midwest at its 188<sup>th</sup> Stated Meeting, held May 8-9, 2026.

We request that the General Assembly prayerfully consider the adoption of the resolutions contained in this overture. Through this consideration, may Christ, our Lord, continue to provide for the better government and continuing improvement of his church.

In Christ, and on behalf of the Presbytery of the Midwest,

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TE Pete Scribner  
Stated Clerk

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TE Andrew Winter  
Assistant Stated Clerk



## Presbytery of the Midwest

**Whereas**, the Book of Government describes the EPC as a connectional church, stating of Ruling Elders serving in broader courts that they participate there “recognizing that the Evangelical Presbyterian Church is a connectional church” (BG 9-8);

**Whereas**, the EPC Book of Government teaches that “The General Assembly, composed of all the courts and local churches of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church, expresses the unity and relatedness of all the parts. It has the responsibility of overseeing the total work of the Church” (BG 20-1);

**Whereas**, the EPC’s General Assembly serves not only as a governing body but also as a time of encouragement, connection, and renewal for pastors and leaders across the denomination; and

**Whereas**, Scripture recognizes and honors the role of the family in ministry (e.g., 1 Timothy 3:4–5), acknowledging that a pastor’s household is integrally connected to their calling; and

**Whereas**, pastors’ spouses and families often share materially and spiritually in the burdens, sacrifices, and demands of pastoral ministry, and their encouragement and strengthening contribute to the health of pastoral households, congregations, and the broader Church; and

**Whereas**, the cost of their attendance at General Assembly may unnecessarily hinder spouses and immediate family members from participating in the fellowship and encouragement that General Assembly can provide;

**Therefore, be it resolved**, that the Presbytery of the Midwest overtures the 46<sup>th</sup> General Assembly to instruct the Office of the General Assembly to not charge an admission fee to future General Assembly meetings, with the exception of meals and childcare, for non-voting spouses and dependents of voting presbyters.

**Be it further resolved** that the 46<sup>th</sup> General Assembly direct the Office of the General Assembly to publish a complete overview of the cost of each future General Assembly meeting.

### **Rationale**

- This overture arises from a pastoral concern for the holistic well-being of EPC clergy and their families. Pastors do not serve alone; their spouses and families often share in the sacrifices, stresses, and joys of ministry. Creating space for their participation in General Assembly – particularly by removing financial obstacles – signals that the EPC values not only its pastors but also those who support them most closely.

Such a step would foster deeper connection, encouragement, and unity across the denomination, strengthening both pastoral longevity and congregational health.






# Midwest Presbytery Overture to 46th General Assembly Cost of GA 26.05

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