

EPC PRESBYTERY OF THE PACIFIC NORTHWEST

Proposed Overture to the 46th General Assembly

Whereas, homosexuality is sinful in both desire (Genesis 19:5-7; Jude 7) and behavior (Leviticus 18:22; Romans 1:26-27)

Whereas, marriage between one man and one woman is blessed by God and the Lord Jesus calls us to hold such marriages in honor (Genesis 1:27-28, Genesis 2:24, Matthew 19:5-6),

Whereas, the Position Paper on Homosexuality was approved by the **Sixth** General Assembly in **1986**,

Whereas, a revision of the Position Paper on Homosexuality was approved by the **Fourteenth** General Assembly in **1994**,

Whereas, the Position of Paper on the Sanctity of Marriage was approved by the **Twenty-fourth** General Assembly in **2004**,

Whereas, in **2010** the EPC notified the US Military Chief of Chaplains that the Position Paper on Homosexuality is the official position of the EPC,

Whereas, the **Thirty-fourth** General Assembly in **2014** approved revisions to the Position Paper on Homosexuality,

Whereas, the **Thirty-fifth** General Assembly in **2015** directed the Moderator to appoint a Special Committee to 1. Review the Position Paper on Homosexuality, 2. Review the Position Paper on the Sanctity of Marriage, 3. Draft an expansion of the Position Paper on the Sanctity of Marriage to include revisions of the Position Paper on Homosexuality, a section on biblical singleness and other appropriate topics, and 4. Report back in **2016** to the **Thirty-sixth** General Assembly,

Whereas, the **Thirty-sixth** General Assembly in **2016** approved removing the Position Papers on the Sanctity of Marriage and on Homosexuality from the EPC website, to be made available upon request,

Whereas, at no point did the General Assembly rescind or revoke the Position Paper on Homosexuality or the Position Paper on the Sanctity of Marriage, unlike when the *Preliminary Position Paper on Capital Punishment* was rescinded by the Fifteenth General Assembly in **1995**,

Therefore, in an effort to correct and clarify the misconception that the Position Paper on Homosexuality and the Position Paper on the Sanctity of Marriage had been “rescinded” or “superseded,” the Presbytery of the Pacific Northwest overtures the 46th General Assembly to 1) Re-affirm the Position Paper on Homosexuality and the Position Paper on the Sanctity of Marriage as the position of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church on these matters, and 2) Restore the Position Paper on Homosexuality and the Position Paper on the Sanctity of Marriage to the EPC website.

**Overture PASSED at 26th Stated Meeting on 5/8/26*

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Dear Dean,

The Presbytery of the Pacific Northwest, at our 26th Stated Meeting on Friday, 8 May, passed the attached Ascending Overture from the Session of the Parkway Presbyterian Church, Tacoma, WA.

Thank you for your consideration of our Overture. We will be praying for you and the Assembly as the Mind of Christ is sought regarding the crucial issues that we face as a denomination.

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