

1 **OVERTURE 7** from Calvary Presbytery (to AC)  
2 “Reduce Assembly Registration Fee to \$100 for Ruling Elders”  
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4 **Whereas** our confessional standards and the history of the PCA both assume a predominance  
5 of Ruling Elders in all church courts;  
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7 **Whereas**, the PCA General Assembly ratio of Ruling Elders to Teaching Elders is in severe  
8 crisis, with REs being highly underrepresented (TE to RE attendance – 1,151 v 310 in  
9 2017 and 1,029 v 287 in 2016);  
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11 **Whereas** the average PCA church has fewer than 100 members and can barely afford to send  
12 a Teaching Elder to General Assembly, much less an accompanying Ruling Elder;  
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14 **Whereas** the Ruling Elder cost of General Assembly registration, recommended by the  
15 Administration Committee (but set by the GA) is a present barrier to Ruling Elder  
16 participation at General Assembly;  
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18 **Whereas** a high cost for RE registration and participation at GA should neither be relied upon  
19 nor looked upon as an income stream for any committee;  
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21 **Whereas**, Teaching Elders and permanent committees ought rather to unite in giving  
22 sacrificial assistance to enabling more Ruling Elders the fullest and easiest possible  
23 access to GA;  
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25 **Therefore**, Calvary Presbytery overtures that the General Assembly set the registration fee  
26 for Ruling Elders at \$100, starting with the 2018 GA.  
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28 *Adopted by the Calvary Presbytery at its stated meeting, October 26, 2017*

29 *Attested by /s/ RE Melton L. Duncan, stated clerk*