

13. That **OVERTURE 22** from Westminster Presbytery, "Warning Regarding Homosexual Agenda," be answered with the following:

"That the 27th GA respond to Overture 22 from Westminster Presbytery by reference to the statement of the *M5GA*, 1977, pp. 67-68 (cited below) and this General Assembly and with the following statement: Given the serious threat that sexual perversion generally, and homosexuality in particular, represents to young people in our society, the congregations of the PCA are encouraged to study the Scriptures, to pray for God's mercy and truth to triumph in the lives of people involved in or affected by homosexuality, to speak and act pastorally on behalf of our children, and to direct further questions and concerns within our churches to those within our denominational circles especially able to assist them, such as Harvest USA. And that the General Assembly encourage sessions to warn parents of the homosexual agenda being promoted through the agency of government schools."

Excerpt from the *M5GA*, 1977, pp. 67-68:

"Overture # 11.... Be answered in the affirmative:

Whereas, God has plainly spoken of homosexuality in his Word, denouncing both the act and the desire as sin, condemning this perversion as unnatural, a degrading passion, an indecent act, an error, an abomination, and hence worthy of death (Lev. 18:22, Rom. 1:26-32); and

Whereas, we recognize, that God's righteous judgment is upon those who approve of such detestable acts, as well as those who practice them; and

Moreover, whereas God has clearly stated that the condoning of homosexuals along with murderers, immoral men, kidnappers, liars, perjurers, and all other unrighteousness is contrary to sound teaching (1 Timothy 1:11, Peter 3:14-18);

Therefore, be it resolved that the General Assembly encourage Christians to recognize their responsibility to petition the powers that be such men and women who practice, approve, or condone any of these activities not be invested with the authority to teach in schools or be in a position where they can influence our nation, which professes "In God we trust."

8. Resolution #7 be answered in the affirmative:

"...That the 5th GA of the Presbyterian Church in America affirm the Biblical position for our denomination which states that: 1. The act of homosexuality is a sin according to God's Word; 2. Churches should actively seek to lead the homosexual person to confession and repentance that he might find justification and sanctification in Jesus Christ, according to 1 Cor. 6:11; and 3. In light of the Biblical view of its sinfulness, a practicing homosexual continuing in this sin would not be a fit candidate for ordination or membership in the Presbyterian Church in America." "

Adopted as amended

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Whereas, the Scriptures that are recorded in the Old Testament condemn homosexual relations and that these condemnations are directly from God the Father to Moses (Leviticus 18:1, 22, and Leviticus 20:1, 13); and

Whereas, the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah were destroyed because of the moral corruption of homosexuality (Genesis 18 and 19); and

Whereas, the New Testament shows willful and ignorant abandonment of God and His laws leads to complete moral corruption and that one of the outgrowths of this moral corruption is the homosexual life style (Romans 1:18-32); and

Whereas, Paul in his letter to the Church at Corinth listed homosexuals (among others) as people who shall not inherit the Kingdom of Heaven, however, Paul gives homosexuals (as well as others) a wonderful message of hope in this passage "such were some of you." (1 Cor. 6:9-11); and

Whereas, the Gay and Lesbian community has focused their efforts on recruiting and changing the opinions of our young people and children of this nation to accept and defend the homosexual life; and

Whereas, the Gay and Lesbian Community has sought and obtained inroads into public and private education,
Therefore Be it Resolved, that the Presbyterian Church in America requests the churches in this denomination to inform and warn the members of their congregations of dangers of the homosexual agenda in the schools. Be it further resolved, that the congregations be informed of the possible use of the video, "It's Elementary: Talking About Gay Issues in School," and that this video will possibly be aired on Public Television in June 1999.

Also, Be it Resolved, that the Presbyterian Church in America is committed to biblical standards and urges its congregations to apply those standards in appropriate fashion.

Adopted at the Spring Meeting of Westminster Presbytery on April 10, 1999.

Attested by: /s/ Larry E. Ball, Stated Clerk