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**TO THE 38<sup>TH</sup> GENERAL ASSEMBLY**  
**Adopted by the**  
**Presbytery of the Central South**  
**103<sup>rd</sup> Stated Meeting**  
**January 27, 2018**

Whereas the present boundaries of the Central South Presbytery in the state of Arkansas include the counties of Benton, Washington, Crawford, and Sebastian, and

Whereas the congregation of First Presbyterian Church, Siloam Springs, Arkansas, is within the boundaries of Benton County, and

Whereas the counties of Benton, Washington, Crawford, and Sebastian are all along the growing area of the I-540 corridor in western Arkansas, and

Whereas the members of First Presbyterian Siloam Springs presently, and other church transfers and church plants in these counties in the future, align themselves geographically and culturally with churches within the Presbytery of the Great Plains, and

Whereas greater distances are required for travel and participation with the churches in the Presbytery of the Central South than would be required for those in the Presbytery of the Great Plains;

**THEREFORE**, the Presbytery of the Central South overtures the 38<sup>th</sup> General Assembly to amend the boundaries of its Presbytery by excluding from it Benton, Washington, Crawford, and Sebastian counties and assigning that designated area to the Presbytery of the Great Plains.