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FROM THE NATIONAL LEADERSHIP TEAM

Recommendation:

The National Leadership Team recommends that the 39th General Assembly send the matter of the Michigan chapter of Bethany Christian Services (BCS) to the Permanent Committee on Theology to review in light of the EPC Position Papers on Abortion and Human Sexuality. The Permanent Committee on Theology will make a report with recommendation(s) to the 40th General Assembly (2020).

Rationale:

In April the Michigan chapter of Bethany Christian Services (BCS) acceded to the state government's requirement and agreed to place children for adoption in the homes of same-sex couples (<https://www.mlive.com/news/grand-rapids/2019/04/bethany-christian-services-reverses-same-sex-adoption-policy-following-legal-settlement.html>). As an application of the EPC's position on abortion, BCS has been an EPC "approved agency" since 1989. With two strongly-held EPC positions in tension, if not in conflict: Abortion and Human Sexuality, it is appropriate for the Permanent Theology Committee to research this matter and make report with recommendation(s) to the 40th General Assembly.

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