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SUMMARY OF ACTION ITEMS
(Communications, Overtures, and Recommendations)

- 40-01** **The Stated Clerk** recommends that the 40th General Assembly suspend “Rules for Assembly” for the duration of the 40th General Assembly. [\(p.28\)](#)
- 40-02** **The Nominating Committee** recommends that the 40th General Assembly **ELECT** Glenn Meyers as Moderator of the 40th General Assembly. [\(p.29\)](#)
- 40-03** **[First Reading] The Nominating Committee** recommends that the 40th General Assembly **ELECT** the slate of nominees for the 40th General Assembly Permanent Committees. [\(p.31\)](#)
- 40-04** **The Stated Clerk Search Committee** recommends that the 40th General Assembly **ELECT** TE Dean Weaver as the Fourth Stated Clerk of the EPC to be installed at the 41st General Assembly. [\(p.33\)](#)
- 40-05** **The National Leadership Team** recommends that the 40th General Assembly approve the terms of call for Stated Clerk-elect Dean Weaver, beginning January 1, 2021. [\(p.33\)](#)
- 40-06** **The National Leadership Team** recommends that the 40th General Assembly **APPROVE** the FY 2021 Administration budget. [\(p.33\)](#)
- 40-07** **The National Leadership Team** recommends that the 40th General Assembly **APPROVE** the consideration of increasing the funding of the line items within the budget, with a focus on strategic ministry opportunities should FY21 revenue exceed the budget. [\(p.33\)](#)
- 40-08** **The National Leadership Team** recommends that the 40th General Assembly **APPROVE** the FY 2021 Special Projects budget. [\(p.34\)](#)
- 40-09** **The Theology Committee** recommends that the 40th General Assembly **APPROVE** the revision to the EPC endorsement Policy. [\(p.34\)](#)
- 40-10** **This item intentionally left blank.**
- 40-11** **The Revelation 7:9 Task Force** recommends that the 40th General Assembly **APPROVE** the continuance of the Task Force until the 2022 General Assembly. [\(p.34\)](#)
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committee of the General Assembly for two (2) additional years for the purpose of resourcing interested EPC presbyteries and local churches in growing toward reflecting the God-given variety within our 1-3-5-mile neighboring communities, via the gospel of Jesus Christ.

- 40-12** **The Revelation 7:9 Task Force** recommends that the 40th General Assembly receive and distribute its report to all EPC presbyteries, churches, and pastors. [\(p.35\)](#)
- 40-13** **The Giving Culture Study Committee** recommends that the 40th General Assembly **DIRECT** the Generosity Resources Committee to develop resources by the 41st General Assembly (2021) to aid congregations in enriching their financial collection practices to include the latest methods of giving and stewardship education. [\(p.35\)](#)
- 40-14** **The Giving Culture Study Committee** recommends that the 40th General Assembly **DIRECT** the Office of the General Assembly to develop a plan to educate Presbyteries and Sessions as to the purpose and role of the Office of the General Assembly. [\(p.35\)](#)
- 40-15** **The Giving Culture Study Committee** recommends that the 40th General Assembly **DIRECT** the Ministerial Vocation Committee (in conjunction with the National Leadership Team) to develop strategies to aid those church leaders acutely suffering from the after-effects of their prior denominational affiliations and practices. [\(p.35\)](#)
- 40-16** **The Giving Culture Study Committee** recommends that the 40th General Assembly **DIRECT** the Theology Committee with assistance from the Ministerial Vocation Committee the task of defining the terms “connectional” and “connectionalism” as understood by the EPC and report to the 41st General Assembly (2021). [\(p.36\)](#)
- 40-17** **The Giving Culture Study Committee** recommends that the 40th General Assembly **APPROVE** the continuance of the Committee until the 41st General Assembly (2021). [\(p.36\)](#)
- 40-18** **The Nominating Committee** recommends that the 40th General Assembly **ELECT** TE Brad Strait as Moderator-Elect. [\(p.37\)](#)
- 40-19** **The World Outreach Committee** recommends that the 40th General Assembly **APPROVE** Outreach Foundation as an approved agency. [\(p.38\)](#)
- 40-20** **The World Outreach Committee** recommends that the 40th General Assembly **APPROVE** Pak 7 as an approved agency. [\(p.38\)](#)



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- 40-21** **The World Outreach Committee** recommends that the 40th General Assembly **APPROVE** Frontier Fellowship as an approved agency. ([p.38](#))
- 40-22** **The World Outreach Committee** recommends that the 40th General Assembly **APPROVE** Avant Ministries as an approved agency. ([p.38](#))
- 40-23** **The Permanent Judicial Commission** recommends that the 40th General Assembly **RATIFY** the decision of the Permanent Judicial Commission dismissing the Complaint dated June 17, 2019, filed by member of Sunset Presbyterian Church against the Presbytery of the Pacific Northwest, as the Complaint did not allege proper grounds for the General Assembly to take the actions requested. ([p.39](#))
- 40-24** **The Permanent Judicial Commission** recommends that the 40th General Assembly **RATIFY** the decision of the Permanent Judicial Commission dismissing the Complaint dated June 30, 2019, filed by former REs of Sunset Presbyterian Church against the Presbytery of the Pacific Northwest, as the Complaint did not allege proper grounds for the General Assembly to take the actions requested. ([p.39](#))
- 40-25** **The Permanent Judicial Commission** recommends that the 40th General Assembly **DECLINE** the Ascending Overture from the Presbytery of the Gulf South to amend *Book of Government* G.13-2 as the Overture does not provide sufficient clarity to resolve any confusion distinguishing the roles of Ruling Elders and Deacons from Teaching Elder. Rather, the Permanent Judicial Commission recommends that the General Assembly **ACCEPT** its amended version of the proposed constitutional change. ([p.39](#))
- 40-26** **The Presbytery of the Gulf South OVERTURES** the 40th General Assembly to amend *Book of Government* G-13 regarding the ordination and/or installation of Officers. (p.40)
- 40-27** **The Permanent Judicial Commission** recommends that the 40th General Assembly **SUSTAIN** the Provisional Opinion issued by the Office of the Stated Clerk on March 11, 2020, due to the exigent pandemic health crisis. **G.21-3D.1.b.** ([p.40](#))
- 40-28** **The Permanent Judicial Commission** recommends that the 40th General Assembly **RATIFY** the decision of the Permanent Judicial Commission of May 4, 2020, dismissing the appeal of "I.Z." (full name redacted for privacy) on grounds that the appeal is not in order under *Book of Discipline* 13-4 and 13-6 for failure to state adequate factual or constitutional grounds for appealing the decision of the Presbytery of the East, and summarily dismissing I.Z.'s appeal pertaining to his complaint against members of the pastoral staff at Fourth Presbyterian Church for lack of standing. See **D.14-2.** ([p.40](#))



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- 40-29** **The Permanent Judicial Commission** recommends that the 40th General Assembly **SUSTAIN** the Provisional Opinion issued by the Office of the Stated Clerk on April 2, 2020, due to the exigent pandemic health crisis. **G.21-3D.1.b.** [\(p.41\)](#)
- 40-30** **The Permanent Judicial Commission** recommends that the 40th General Assembly **SUSTAIN** the Provisional Opinion issued by the Office of the Stated Clerk on June 22, 2020, due to the exigent pandemic health crisis. **G. 21-3D.1.b.** [\(p.41\)](#)
- 40-31** **Second Presbyterian Church in Memphis, Tennessee, INVITES** the 40th General Assembly of the EPC to hold the 41st General Assembly on its campus. [\(p.41\)](#)
- 40-32** **The Benefit Resources, Inc., Board of Directors** recommends that the 40th General Assembly **APPROVE** ordained ministers drawing retirement income from the EPC 403(b)(9) Defined Contribution Retirement Plan be allowed to designate up to 100% of their retirement income for housing allowance as permitted by applicable regulations adopted pursuant to the Internal Revenue Code. [\(p.42\)](#)
- 40-33** **The Fraternal Relations Committee** recommends that the 40th General Assembly **APPROVE** a fraternal agreement between the Evangelical Presbyterian Church and the Presbyterian Church of Brazil. [\(p.42\)](#)
- 40-34** **The Women’s Resource Council** recommends that the 40th General Assembly **APPROVE** the closure of the WRC and delete all relevant sections of *Rules for Assembly*; having presbyteries facilitate women’s ministry for local churches. [\(p.42\)](#)
- 40-35** **The Moderator of the 39th General Assembly** recommends that the 40th General Assembly **APPROVE** the 2020-2021 Chairman for the BRI Board of Directors, and a slate of nominees to fill vacancies on the Permanent Nominating Committee. [\(p.42\)](#)
- 40-36** **The National Leadership Team** recommends that the 40th General Assembly **RECEIVE** the Minutes of the 39th General Assembly. [\(p.44\)](#)
- 40-37** **The Stated Clerk** recommends that the 40th General Assembly **RATIFY** an amendment to *Book of Government* 11-2C. **Overture 19-A.** (Eleven presbyteries voted to approve, three voted not to approve.) [\(p.44\)](#)
- 40-38** **The Stated Clerk** recommends that the 40th General Assembly **RATIFY** an amendment to *Book of Government* 9-5A.1. **Overture 19-B** (Twelve presbyteries voted to approve, two voted not to approve.) [\(p.44\)](#)



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- 40-39** **The Presbytery Review Committee** recommends that the 40th General Assembly **APPROVE** the Minutes of Presbyteries with Exceptions Requiring Responses by December 31, 2020. [\(p.45\)](#)
- 40-40** **The Presbytery Review Committee** recommends that the 40th General Assembly **APPROVE** the Responses of the Presbyteries to Exceptions approved at the 39th General Assembly. [\(p.46\)](#)