

## RECOMMENDATION 42-06

### Descending Overture from the 41<sup>st</sup> General Assembly Evangelical Presbyterian Church

#### Descending Overture 21-C

To amend the *Book of Worship* 7-5

Current <i>Book of Worship</i> 7-5	Proposed <i>Book of Worship</i> 7-5 <i>Amendments in bold italics</i>
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#### 2021-22 Ballot Information for Descending Overtures

Presbytery	Overture 21-C - YES	Overture 21-C - NO
<b>Alleghenies</b>	<b>93</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>Central South</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>East</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Florida and the Caribbean</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Great Plains</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Gulf South</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Mid-America</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>Mid-Atlantic</b>	<b>191</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Midwest</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Pacific Northwest</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Pacific Southwest</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>9</b>
<b>Rivers and Lakes</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>Southeast</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>West</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>953</b>	<b>35</b>