

Bills and Overtures Committee Minutes  
January 30, 2024

Present: Katie Styr, Tim Haworth, Diane Ludington, Chuck Goodman

Meeting opened with prayer at 2:06.

The group discussed two overtures:

1. On Amending the Book of Order to Include Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity Among the Categories Against Which This Church Does Not Discriminate  
The group discussed the potential impacts, benefits, and complications of the motion.  
**MSA to send this overture to presbytery assembly for concurrence.** Tim Haworth will present the motion to the assembly. The group is grateful to have his expertise from serving on the PC(USA)'s LGBTQIA+ Equity Advocacy Committee.
2. On Amending D-7.0501 Regarding Minors and Vulnerable Adults  
The group discussed the potential risks and benefits of the motion, as well as situations in which it could come into play. **MSA to send this overture to presbytery assembly for concurrence.** Katie Styr will present the motion to the assembly, with the understanding that Elissa Bailey may need to answer specific questions surrounding the disciplinary process.

The group then agreed that we would need 20 minutes for our presentation to the assembly on February 20th. Tim will introduce the committee and then present motion 1, Katie will present motion 2, we will all be available to answer questions. The full text of each motion is available at <https://www.pc-biz.org/>. Katie will send the text to Frosty.

Meeting ended in prayer at 3:43pm.