

GA	#	Presbytery	Congregation	Topic	Referred to...	Request	Answered
141st (2015)	37	Ottawa	Grace Orleans, Ottawa	Process for a congregation leaving the denomination	Clerks of Assembly, in consultation with Trustee Board, Assembly Council and Pension and Benefits Board	to consider establishing a means for “gracious dismissal” of congregations which might in good conscience be unable to accept changes in doctrine or discipline which depart from the historic confessional standards of the church,	p. 283 A&P 2016. ...The Clerks of Assembly are disinclined to create a process for congregations to withdraw from The Presbyterian Church in Canada. To do so would require changes to our civil legislation both federal and provincial. The current provisions of the church for members and ministers to leave if they feel constrained by conscience to do so, is available, even with the consequence that church property remains with The Presbyterian Church in Canada.
142nd (2016)	4	New Brunswick	St. Andrew’s Church, Moncton	A policy for a congregation leaving the denomination	Clerks of Assembly, in consultation with Trustee Board, Assembly Council and Pension and Benefits Board	to establish a policy of gracious dismissal from The Presbyterian Church in Canada of dissenting churches from the majority decision, as those congregations in integrity may be unable to continue within The Presbyterian Church in Canada in good conscience, as a result of decisions made by General Assembly with respect to human sexuality; allowing congregations to leave the denomination without due encumbrances, with their buildings, endowments and assets intact,	p. 283 A&P 2016. ...The Clerks of Assembly are disinclined to create a process for congregations to withdraw from The Presbyterian Church in Canada. To do so would require changes to our civil legislation both federal and provincial. The current provisions of the church for members and ministers to leave if they feel constrained by conscience to do so, is available, even with the consequence that church property remains with The Presbyterian Church in Canada.
142nd (2016)	5	New Brunswick	Bethel, Riverview	A policy for a congregation leaving the denomination	Clerks of Assembly, in consultation with Trustee Board, Assembly Council and Pension and Benefits Board	to establish a policy of gracious dismissal from The Presbyterian Church in Canada of churches dissenting from this conversation; allowing congregations to leave the denomination without due encumbrances, with their buildings, endowments and assets intact,	p. 283 A&P 2016. ...The Clerks of Assembly are disinclined to create a process for congregations to withdraw from The Presbyterian Church in Canada. To do so would require changes to our civil legislation both federal and provincial. The current provisions of the church for members and ministers to leave if they feel constrained by conscience to do so, is available, even with the consequence that church property remains with The Presbyterian Church in Canada.
142nd (2016)	7	Paris		Policy for a congregation wishing to leave the denomination	Clerks of Assembly, in consultation with Trustee Board, Assembly Council and Pension and Benefits Board	to consider establishing a means for “gracious dismissal” of congregations which might in good conscience either be unable to continue wholeheartedly within the Presbyterian Church in Canada unless significant changes as advocated by some overtures (e.g. Overture Nos. 5, and 23, 2015 are made, or be unable to accept the changes in doctrine or discipline as advocated by these same overtures,	p. 283 A&P 2016. ...The Clerks of Assembly are disinclined to create a process for congregations to withdraw from The Presbyterian Church in Canada. To do so would require changes to our civil legislation both federal and provincial. The current provisions of the church for members and ministers to leave if they feel constrained by conscience to do so, is available, even with the consequence that church property remains with The Presbyterian Church in Canada.

142nd (2016)	12	Barrie	St. Andrew's, Parry Sound	Policy for a congregation wishing to leave the denomination	Clerks of Assembly	to consider establishing a means for "gracious dismissal" of congregations which might in good conscience either be unable to continue wholeheartedly within The Presbyterian Church in Canada unless significant changes as advocated by some overtures (e.g. Overtures Nos. 4 and 23, 2015) are made, or be unable to accept the changes in doctrine or discipline as advocated by these overtures	p. 283 A&P 2016. ...The Clerks of Assembly are disinclined to create a process for congregations to withdraw from The Presbyterian Church in Canada. To do so would require changes to our civil legislation both federal and provincial. The current provisions of the church for members and ministers to leave if they feel constrained by conscience to do so, is available, even with the consequence that church property remains with The Presbyterian Church in Canada.
142nd (2016)	16	Montreal	Cote de Neiges	Process for congregations considering leaving the denomination		to act quickly, even as the discussions are ongoing, to map out a process for the "gracious dismissal" of dissenting congregations	p. 283 A&P 2016. ...The Clerks of Assembly are disinclined to create a process for congregations to withdraw from The Presbyterian Church in Canada. To do so would require changes to our civil legislation both federal and provincial. The current provisions of the church for members and ministers to leave if they feel constrained by conscience to do so, is available, even with the consequence that church property remains with The Presbyterian Church in Canada.
142nd (2016)	19	Westminster	Chinese, Vancouver	Congregational vote re sexual orientation and process for leaving the denomination	Clerks of Assembly	WHEREAS, thirteen sessions and three presbyteries made overtures to the 2015 General Assembly affirming The Presbyterian Church in Canada's current stance regarding human sexuality, as compared to three sessions and three presbyteries desiring substantial change to the current stance; and.... THEREFORE ..... to consider requiring every congregation to hold a congregational vote on the issue of same sex marriage or ordination, and establish a means of graciously dismissing (a process to equitably divide and/or share the denominational assets between the two resulting denominations) the resulting minority group to form a new denomination with, in such a way that neither side be disenfranchised, preserving mutual respect and good will,	Answered in report from Clerks, pp. 275-6 2017 A&P. Congregations' place is not to vote on the decisions of GA, but rather in study and consultations within the congregation. Re: gracious dismissal - the clerks stand by their 2016 decision that congregations are not permitted to leave the denomination with their assets.
142nd (2016)	20	Westminster	First Hungarian, Vancouver	Congregational vote re sexual orientation and process for leaving the denomination	Clerks of Assembly	to consider requiring every congregation to hold a congregational vote on the issue of same sex marriage or ordination, and establish a means of graciously dismissing (a process to equitably divide and/or share the denominational assets between the two resulting denominations) the resulting minority group to form a new denomination with, in such a way that neither side be disenfranchised, preserving mutual respect and good will, or to do otherwise as the General Assembly,	Answered in report from Clerks, pp. 275-6 2017 A&P. Congregations' place is not to vote on the decisions of GA, but rather in study and consultations within the congregation. Re: gracious dismissal - the clerks stand by their 2016 decision that congregations are not permitted to leave the denomination with their assets.

143rd (2017)	2	Oak Ridges	Chapel Place, Markham	Policy for congregations wishing to leave the denomination	Clerks of Assembly in consultation with AC, Church Doctrine, Church History, Pension & Benefits, Trustee Board	to establish a policy of gracious dismissal from The Presbyterian Church in Canada of churches dissenting from this conversation; allowing congregations to leave the denomination peacefully and without due encumbrances,	p. 514 A&P 2017 - Committee on Church Doctrine proposes presenting substantive answers at the following General Assemblies: 2017 – Biblical Rationale; Repentance 2018 – Unity and Diversity of Church; Relationship of Church and State 2019 – Ordination; Discipline; Pastoral Care 2020 – Gender Identity
143rd (2017)	6	Paris	Innerkip	Legislation re: congregations wishing to leave the denomination	Church Doctrine in consultation with LMA (Justice)	to (a) commission a study to draw from ecclesiastical and civil history and law both Canadian and otherwise insights which would aid in enabling the church, should present differences prove irreconcilable, to part company in a gracious and charitable manner, ensuring that the larger part of resources of time, talent, and treasure would be devoted to enabling all professing believers to further the fulfillment of the great commission, rather than expended and squandered on attempting to reconcile sharply divergent understandings of scriptural authority and interpretation pertaining to issues of human sexuality which bear on practices affecting marriage and ministry; and (b) call for the drafting of such legislation ecclesiastical and civil as may be required to effect a gracious and charitable separation should such become sadly necessary	p. 14, 2017 A&P: <b>Recommendation No. 1</b> , as amended, was adopted as follows. That a special committee be named by the Moderator to review Overture Nos. 10, 11, 12, 14, 15, 17, 18, 20 and 22 through 29, 2017 inclusive, with a view to identifying and summarizing common concerns and suggesting a comprehensive approach for further study, and report to a future sederunt of this Assembly, no later than Tuesday evening; and that Petition Nos. 1, 2 and 3, 2017, also be referred initially to this committee for review. <b>See report of this Special Committee on pp. 39-42 of 2017 A&amp;P</b>
143rd (2017)	10	Kingston	St. Andrew's, Trenton	Reviewing response re: congregation wishing to leave the denomination	Clerks of Assembly in consultation with AC, Church Doctrine, Church History, Pension & Benefits, Trustee Board	to ask the Clerks of Assembly to broaden the scope of their initial response to the above overtures and offer possibilities for establishing a means for “gracious dismissal” of congregations which might, in good conscience, be unable to continue wholeheartedly within The Presbyterian Church in Canada	p. 14, 2017 A&P: <b>Recommendation No. 1</b> , as amended, was adopted as follows. That a special committee be named by the Moderator to review Overture Nos. 10, 11, 12, 14, 15, 17, 18, 20 and 22 through 29, 2017 inclusive, with a view to identifying and summarizing common concerns and suggesting a comprehensive approach for further study, and report to a future sederunt of this Assembly, no later than Tuesday evening; and that Petition Nos. 1, 2 and 3, 2017, also be referred initially to this committee for review. <b>See report of this Special Committee on pp. 39-42 of 2017 A&amp;P</b>

143rd (2017)	11	Hamilton	Cheyne Church, Stoney Creek	Legislation re: congregations wishing to leave the denomination	Clerks of Assembly in consultation with AC, Church Doctrine, Church History, Pension & Benefits, Trustee Board	to: 1. commission a study to draw from ecclesiastical and civil history and law both Canadian and otherwise insights which would aid in enabling the church, should present differences prove irreconcilable, to part company in a gracious and charitable manner, ensuring that the larger part of resources of time, talent, and treasure would be devoted to enabling all professing believers to further the fulfillment of the great commission, rather than expended and squandered on attempting to reconcile sharply divergent understandings of scriptural authority and interpretation pertaining to issues of human sexuality which bear on practices affecting marriage and ministry; and 2. call for the drafting of such legislation ecclesiastical and civil as may be required to effect a gracious and charitable separation should such become sadly necessary;	p. 14, 2017 A&P: <b>Recommendation No. 1</b> , as amended, was adopted as follows. That a special committee be named by the Moderator to review Overture Nos. 10, 11, 12, 14, 15, 17, 18, 20 and 22 through 29, 2017 inclusive, with a view to identifying and summarizing common concerns and suggesting a comprehensive approach for further study, and report to a future sederunt of this Assembly, no later than Tuesday evening; and that Petition Nos. 1, 2 and 3, 2017, also be referred initially to this committee for review. <b>See report of this Special Committee on pp. 39-42 of 2017 A&amp;P</b>
143rd (2017)	12	Westminster	Coquitlam	Legislation re: congregations wishing to leave the denomination	Clerks of Assembly in consultation with AC, Church Doctrine, Church History, Pension & Benefits, Trustee Board	to (a) commission a study to draw from ecclesiastical and civil history and law both Canadian and otherwise insights which would aid in enabling the church, should present differences prove irreconcilable, to part company in a gracious and charitable manner, ensuring that the larger part of resources of time, talent, and treasure would be devoted to enabling all professing believers to further the fulfillment of the great commission, rather than expended and squandered on attempting to reconcile sharply divergent understandings of scriptural authority and interpretation pertaining to issues of human sexuality which bear on practices affecting marriage and ministry; and (b) call for the drafting of such legislation ecclesiastical and civil as may be required to effect a gracious and charitable separation should such become sadly necessary,	p. 14, 2017 A&P: <b>Recommendation No. 1</b> , as amended, was adopted as follows. That a special committee be named by the Moderator to review Overture Nos. 10, 11, 12, 14, 15, 17, 18, 20 and 22 through 29, 2017 inclusive, with a view to identifying and summarizing common concerns and suggesting a comprehensive approach for further study, and report to a future sederunt of this Assembly, no later than Tuesday evening; and that Petition Nos. 1, 2 and 3, 2017, also be referred initially to this committee for review. <b>See report of this Special Committee on pp. 39-42 of 2017 A&amp;P</b>
143rd (2017)	14	New Brunswick	Bethel, Riverview	Means for dismissing congregation from the denomination	Clerks of Assembly in consultation with AC, Church Doctrine, Church History, Pension & Benefits, Trustee Board	to broaden the scope of their initial response to the above overtures and offer possibilities for establishing a means for “gracious dismissal” of congregations which might in good conscience either be unable to continue wholeheartedly within The Presbyterian Church in Canada unless significant changes as advocated by some overtures (e.g. Overtures Nos. 5 and 23, 2015) are made or be unable to accept the changes in doctrine or discipline as advocated by these same overtures,	p. 14, 2017 A&P: <b>Recommendation No. 1</b> , as amended, was adopted as follows. That a special committee be named by the Moderator to review Overture Nos. 10, 11, 12, 14, 15, 17, 18, 20 and 22 through 29, 2017 inclusive, with a view to identifying and summarizing common concerns and suggesting a comprehensive approach for further study, and report to a future sederunt of this Assembly, no later than Tuesday evening; and that Petition Nos. 1, 2 and 3, 2017, also be referred initially to this committee for review. <b>See report of this Special Committee on pp. 39-42 of 2017 A&amp;P</b>

143rd (2017)	15	New Brunswick	St. Andrew's Church, Moncton	Policy for congregations wishing to leave the denomination	Clerks of Assembly in consultation with AC, Church Doctrine, Church History, Pension & Benefits, Trustee Board	to consider again the call of the church for a policy on gracious dismissal for those dissenting congregations from the majority decision, whatever it may be, who find themselves unable to continue with integrity to be a part of The Presbyterian Church in Canada, allowing such congregations to leave the denomination without undue encumbrances, with their buildings, endowments and assets intact,	p. 14, 2017 A&P: <b>Recommendation No. 1</b> , as amended, was adopted as follows. That a special committee be named by the Moderator to review Overture Nos. 10, 11, 12, 14, 15, 17, 18, 20 and 22 through 29, 2017 inclusive, with a view to identifying and summarizing common concerns and suggesting a comprehensive approach for further study, and report to a future sederunt of this Assembly, no later than Tuesday evening; and that Petition Nos. 1, 2 and 3, 2017, also be referred initially to this committee for review. <b>See report of this Special Committee on pp. 39-42 of 2017 A&amp;P</b>
143rd (2017)	17	Grey-Bruce-Maitland		Legislation re: congregations wishing to leave the denomination	Clerks of Assembly in consultation with AC, Church Doctrine, Church History, Pension & Benefits, Trustee Board	to: 1. commission a study drawing from church and civil history, and law both Canadian and otherwise, insights which would aid in enabling the church to part company in a gracious and charitable manner, should present differences prove irreconcilable. This would aid in ensuring that the larger part of congregational resources would be devoted to further the fulfillment of the great commission, and 2. call for the drafting of church legislation and civil legislation, as may be required, to effect a gracious and charitable separation should such become regrettably necessary,	p. 14, 2017 A&P: <b>Recommendation No. 1</b> , as amended, was adopted as follows. That a special committee be named by the Moderator to review Overture Nos. 10, 11, 12, 14, 15, 17, 18, 20 and 22 through 29, 2017 inclusive, with a view to identifying and summarizing common concerns and suggesting a comprehensive approach for further study, and report to a future sederunt of this Assembly, no later than Tuesday evening; and that Petition Nos. 1, 2 and 3, 2017, also be referred initially to this committee for review. <b>See report of this Special Committee on pp. 39-42 of 2017 A&amp;P</b>
143rd (2017)	18	Calgary-MacLeod	Valleyview	Legislation re: congregations wishing to leave the denomination	Clerks of Assembly in consultation with AC, Church Doctrine, Church History, Pension & Benefits, Trustee Board	to (a) commission a study to draw from ecclesiastical and civil history and law both Canadian and otherwise insights which would aid in enabling the church, should present differences prove irreconcilable, to part company in a gracious and charitable manner, ensuring that the larger part of resources of time, talent, and treasure would be devoted to enabling all professing believers to further the fulfillment of the great commission, rather than expended and squandered on attempting to reconcile sharply divergent understandings of scriptural authority and interpretation pertaining to issues of human sexuality which bear on practices affecting marriage and ministry; and (b) call for the drafting of such legislation ecclesiastical and civil as may be required to effect a gracious and charitable separation should such become sadly necessary;	p. 14, 2017 A&P: <b>Recommendation No. 1</b> , as amended, was adopted as follows. That a special committee be named by the Moderator to review Overture Nos. 10, 11, 12, 14, 15, 17, 18, 20 and 22 through 29, 2017 inclusive, with a view to identifying and summarizing common concerns and suggesting a comprehensive approach for further study, and report to a future sederunt of this Assembly, no later than Tuesday evening; and that Petition Nos. 1, 2 and 3, 2017, also be referred initially to this committee for review. <b>See report of this Special Committee on pp. 39-42 of 2017 A&amp;P</b>

143rd (2017)	20	Algoma- North Bay		Broader response re: congregations wishing to leave the denomination	Clerks of Assembly in consultation with AC, Church Doctrine, Church History, Pension & Benefits, Trustee Board	to ask the Clerks of Assembly to broaden the scope of their initial response to the above overtures and explore possibilities for establishing a means for “gracious dismissal” of congregations which might in good conscience be unable to continue wholeheartedly within The Presbyterian Church in Canada,	p. 14, 2017 A&P: <b>Recommendation No. 1</b> , as amended, was adopted as follows. That a special committee be named by the Moderator to review Overture Nos. 10, 11, 12, 14, 15, 17, 18, 20 and 22 through 29, 2017 inclusive, with a view to identifying and summarizing common concerns and suggesting a comprehensive approach for further study, and report to a future sederunt of this Assembly, no later than Tuesday evening; and that Petition Nos. 1, 2 and 3, 2017, also be referred initially to this committee for review. <b>See report of this Special Committee on pp. 39-42 of 2017 A&amp;P</b>
143rd (2017)	22	Halifax & Lunenburg	St. James, Truro	Process for congregations considering leaving the denomination	Clerks of Assembly in consultation with AC, Church Doctrine, Church History, Pension & Benefits, Trustee Board	to direct the Clerks of Assembly to find a means for “gracious dismissal” for congregations who might in good conscience be unable to continue wholeheartedly within The Presbyterian Church in Canada either because significant changes as advocated by some overtures (e.g. Overture No. 5, 2015 and No. 23, 2015) have not been made or because they have been made	p. 14, 2017 A&P: <b>Recommendation No. 1</b> , as amended, was adopted as follows. That a special committee be named by the Moderator to review Overture Nos. 10, 11, 12, 14, 15, 17, 18, 20 and 22 through 29, 2017 inclusive, with a view to identifying and summarizing common concerns and suggesting a comprehensive approach for further study, and report to a future sederunt of this Assembly, no later than Tuesday evening; and that Petition Nos. 1, 2 and 3, 2017, also be referred initially to this committee for review. <b>See report of this Special Committee on pp. 39-42 of 2017 A&amp;P</b>
143rd (2017)	23	Grey-Bruce- Maitland	Geneva, Chesley	Legislation re: congregations wishing to leave the denomination	Clerks of Assembly in consultation with AC, Church Doctrine, Church History, Pension & Benefits, Trustee Board	to: 1. commission a study drawing insights from church and civil history and law both Canadian and otherwise, which would aid in enabling the church to part company in a gracious and charitable manner should present differences prove irreconcilable; this would aid in ensuring that the larger part of congregational resources would be devoted to further the fulfillment of the great commission; and 2. call for the drafting of church legislation and civil legislation, as may be required, to effect a gracious and charitable separation should such become regrettably necessary;	p. 14, 2017 A&P: <b>Recommendation No. 1</b> , as amended, was adopted as follows. That a special committee be named by the Moderator to review Overture Nos. 10, 11, 12, 14, 15, 17, 18, 20 and 22 through 29, 2017 inclusive, with a view to identifying and summarizing common concerns and suggesting a comprehensive approach for further study, and report to a future sederunt of this Assembly, no later than Tuesday evening; and that Petition Nos. 1, 2 and 3, 2017, also be referred initially to this committee for review. <b>See report of this Special Committee on pp. 39-42 of 2017 A&amp;P</b>

143rd (2017)	24	Grey-Bruce-Maitland	St. Andrew's, Chatsworth	Process for congregations considering leaving the denomination	Clerks of Assembly in consultation with AC, Church Doctrine, Church History, Pension & Benefits, Trustee Board	to make provision for 'gracious dismissal' of any congregation which finds itself, in good and prayerful conscience, to be unable to follow newly developed policies of inclusion, or, which finds itself, in good and prayerful conscience, to be no longer able to follow certain long held doctrinal positions of the church,	p. 14, 2017 A&P: <b>Recommendation No. 1</b> , as amended, was adopted as follows. That a special committee be named by the Moderator to review Overture Nos. 10, 11, 12, 14, 15, 17, 18, 20 and 22 through 29, 2017 inclusive, with a view to identifying and summarizing common concerns and suggesting a comprehensive approach for further study, and report to a future sederunt of this Assembly, no later than Tuesday evening; and that Petition Nos. 1, 2 and 3, 2017, also be referred initially to this committee for review. <b>See report of this Special Committee on pp. 39-42 of 2017 A&amp;P</b>
143rd (2017)	25	Grey-Bruce-Maitland	St. Andrew's, Southampton	Legislation re: congregations wishing to leave the denomination	Clerks of Assembly in consultation with AC, Church Doctrine, Church History, Pension & Benefits, Trustee Board	to act quickly, even as the discussions are ongoing, to map out a process for the "gracious dismissal" of dissenting congregations	p. 14, 2017 A&P: <b>Recommendation No. 1</b> , as amended, was adopted as follows. That a special committee be named by the Moderator to review Overture Nos. 10, 11, 12, 14, 15, 17, 18, 20 and 22 through 29, 2017 inclusive, with a view to identifying and summarizing common concerns and suggesting a comprehensive approach for further study, and report to a future sederunt of this Assembly, no later than Tuesday evening; and that Petition Nos. 1, 2 and 3, 2017, also be referred initially to this committee for review. <b>See report of this Special Committee on pp. 39-42 of 2017 A&amp;P</b>
143rd (2017)	26	Oak Ridges	Keswick	Process for congregations considering leaving the denomination	Clerks of Assembly in consultation with AC, Church Doctrine, Church History, Pension & Benefits, Trustee Board	to direct the Clerks of Assembly to find a means for "gracious dismissal" for congregations who might in good conscience be unable to continue wholeheartedly within The Presbyterian Church in Canada either because significant changes as advocated by some overtures (Overture No. 5, 2015 and No. 23, 2015) have not been made or because they have been made,	p. 14, 2017 A&P: <b>Recommendation No. 1</b> , as amended, was adopted as follows. That a special committee be named by the Moderator to review Overture Nos. 10, 11, 12, 14, 15, 17, 18, 20 and 22 through 29, 2017 inclusive, with a view to identifying and summarizing common concerns and suggesting a comprehensive approach for further study, and report to a future sederunt of this Assembly, no later than Tuesday evening; and that Petition Nos. 1, 2 and 3, 2017, also be referred initially to this committee for review. <b>See report of this Special Committee on pp. 39-42 of 2017 A&amp;P</b>

143rd (2017)	27	Oak Ridges	Chinese, Markham	Process for congregations considering leaving the denomination	Clerks of Assembly in consultation with AC, Church Doctrine, Church History, Pension & Benefits, Trustee Board	and the Committee on History, to design a process, based on insights from our history and confessions, enabling congregations who find they cannot serve Christ effectively under the burden of whatever decisions the General Assembly may make in this matter to have a way to seek an alternate denominational affiliation which will more effectively enable their mission work, ensuring this process will leave the larger part of congregational resources available to further the fulfillment of the great commission, and, should the consultation process find changes to church or civil legislation are required, direct the Clerks of Assembly to draft such legislation to effect a gracious and charitable separation should such become regrettably necessary;	p. 14, 2017 A&P: <b>Recommendation No. 1</b> , as amended, was adopted as follows. That a special committee be named by the Moderator to review Overture Nos. 10, 11, 12, 14, 15, 17, 18, 20 and 22 through 29, 2017 inclusive, with a view to identifying and summarizing common concerns and suggesting a comprehensive approach for further study, and report to a future sederunt of this Assembly, no later than Tuesday evening; and that Petition Nos. 1, 2 and 3, 2017, also be referred initially to this committee for review. <b>See report of this Special Committee on pp. 39-42 of 2017 A&amp;P</b>
143rd (2017)	28	Wat-Well	Kortright, Guelph,	Legislation re: congregations wishing to leave the denomination	Clerks of Assembly in consultation with AC, Church Doctrine, Church History, Pension & Benefits, Trustee Board	to commission a study of the law and of ecclesiastical and civil history to help the church, should present differences prove insurmountable, to part company in a gracious and charitable manner, ensuring that our resources of time, talent, and treasure continue to be devoted to our pursuit of the church's mission, rather than expended in an attempt to accommodate irreconcilable understandings of scriptural authority and interpretation pertaining to issues of human sexuality which bear on practices affecting marriage and ministry; and, second, to call for the drafting of such legislation, ecclesiastical and civil, as may be required to effect a gracious and charitable separation should such become sadly necessary;	p. 14, 2017 A&P: <b>Recommendation No. 1</b> , as amended, was adopted as follows. That a special committee be named by the Moderator to review Overture Nos. 10, 11, 12, 14, 15, 17, 18, 20 and 22 through 29, 2017 inclusive, with a view to identifying and summarizing common concerns and suggesting a comprehensive approach for further study, and report to a future sederunt of this Assembly, no later than Tuesday evening; and that Petition Nos. 1, 2 and 3, 2017, also be referred initially to this committee for review. <b>See report of this Special Committee on pp. 39-42 of 2017 A&amp;P</b>
143rd (2017)	29	Brampton	Mississauga, Chinese	Process for congregations considering leaving the denomination	Clerks of Assembly in consultation with AC, Church Doctrine, Church History, Pension & Benefits, Trustee Board	1. to requiring every congregation to hold a congregational vote on the issue of same sex marriage or ordination, 2. to establish a means of graciously dismissing (a process to equitably divide and/or share the denominational assets between the two resulting denominations) the resulting minority group to form a new denomination, 3. with, in such a way that neither side be disenfranchised, preserving mutual respect and good will,	p. 14, 2017 A&P: <b>Recommendation No. 1</b> , as amended, was adopted as follows. That a special committee be named by the Moderator to review Overture Nos. 10, 11, 12, 14, 15, 17, 18, 20 and 22 through 29, 2017 inclusive, with a view to identifying and summarizing common concerns and suggesting a comprehensive approach for further study, and report to a future sederunt of this Assembly, no later than Tuesday evening; and that Petition Nos. 1, 2 and 3, 2017, also be referred initially to this committee for review. <b>See report of this Special Committee on pp. 39-42 of 2017 A&amp;P</b>

<b>146th (2021)</b>	<b>9</b>	Ottawa	Knox, Manotick	Congregations wishing to separate from the denomination	Assembly Council	to establish a policy of gracious separation from The Presbyterian Church in Canada of dissenting churches as those congregations in integrity may be unable to continue within The Presbyterian Church in Canada in good conscience, as a result of decisions made by General Assembly with respect to human sexuality; allowing congregations to leave the denomination without due encumbrances, with their buildings, endowments and assets intact,
<b>146th (2021)</b>	<b>19</b>	Peace River	St. James, Dawson Creek	Assembly Council sub-committee report re: gracious dismissal	Clerks of Assembly	to allow the report of the Gracious Dismissal Committee, a sub-committee of Assembly Council, which would address the issues noted above, be received at General Assembly before the vote on Remits B and C, or
<b>146th (2021)</b>	<b>28</b>	Essex Kent	-	Assembly Council sub-committee report re; Gracious Dismissal r	referred to the Assembly Council in consultation with the Clerks of Assembly	to receive and to thoughtfully and prayerfully consider the report of the Gracious Dismissal Committee;
<b>146th (2021)</b>	<b>30</b>	Westminster	St. Andrew's and St. Stephen's North Vancouver	Gracious Dismissal (Full text of Gracious Dismissal subcommittee included in the overture)	referred to the Assembly Council in consultation with the Clerks of Assembly	to permit congregations to leave the denomination with their property at nominal cost to the congregation if the denomination approves either a redefinition of marriage to include same sex couples or the ordination of those leaders who are in a same sex marriage ("Gracious Dismissal"), to adopt a process for the implementation of Gracious Dismissal in the manner described in Appendix C to the Gracious Dismissal Report or as modified by General Assembly in its wisdom after due consideration of the details, and to place the matter before and have it considered and fully addressed by the Venerable, the 146th General Assembly prior to addressing Remits B and C, 2019 under the Barrier Act being considered by such General Assembly so that decisions made about the Remits are based on theology and ecclesiology, not on property,
<b>146th (2021)</b>	<b>43</b>	Algoma-North Bay		Assembly Council sub-committee report re: gracious dismissal	referred to the Assembly Council in consultation with the Clerks of Assembly	to receive and consider the final report of the gracious dismissal committee before the consideration of Remits B and C should said Assembly determine to consider these Remits

<b>146th (2021)</b>	<b>47</b>	Montreal	Montreal Chinese	Assembly Council sub-committee report re: gracious dismissal	referred to the Assembly Council in consultation with the Clerks of Assembly	to receive and consider the report of the gracious dismissal committee before proceeding to discussions about Remits B and C from the 2019 General Assembly,	
<b>146th (2021)</b>	<b>49</b>	Pickering	Grace West Hill, Toronto	Receiving the Gracious Dismissal report	referred to the Assembly Council in consultation with the Clerks of Assembly	to receive the report of the Gracious Dismissal task force as found on pages 1363-1372 of the October 27, 2020 Assembly Council minutes and to consider the recommendations found within that report	
<b>146th (2021)</b>	<b>64</b>	Western Han-Ca	Antioch, Edmonton	Assembly Council sub-committee report re: gracious dismissal	referred to the Assembly Council in consultation with the Clerks of Assembly	to receive and to thoughtfully and prayerfully consider the report of the gracious dismissal committee	
<b>146th (2021)</b>	<b>65</b>	Western Han-Ca	Yulbahng, Burnaby	Assembly Council sub-committee report re: gracious dismissal	referred to the Assembly Council in consultation with the Clerks of Assembly	to receive and to thoughtfully and prayerfully consider the report of the gracious dismissal committee	
<b>146th (2021)</b>	<b>67</b>	Western Han-Ca	Galilee, Vancouver	Assembly Council sub-committee report re: gracious dismissal	referred to the Assembly Council in consultation with the Clerks of Assembly	to receive and to thoughtfully and prayerfully consider the report of the gracious dismissal committee	
<b>146th (2021)</b>	<b>68</b>	Western Han-Ca	Soojung, Pitt Meadows	Assembly Council sub-committee report re: gracious dismissal	referred to the Assembly Council in consultation with the Clerks of Assembly	to receive and to thoughtfully and prayerfully consider the report of the gracious dismissal committee	
<b>146th (2021)</b>	<b>69</b>	Western Han-Ca	Manitoba Korean, Winnipeg	Assembly Council sub-committee report re: gracious dismissal	referred to the Assembly Council in consultation with the Clerks of Assembly	to receive and to thoughtfully and prayerfully consider the report of the gracious dismissal committee	
<b>146th (2021)</b>	<b>70</b>	Western Han-Ca	Korean, Brandon	Assembly Council sub-committee report re: gracious dismissal	referred to the Assembly Council in consultation with the Clerks of Assembly	to receive and to thoughtfully and prayerfully consider the report of the gracious dismissal committee	

<b>146th (2021)</b>	<b>71</b>	Western Han-Ca	Sungan, Vancouver	Assembly Council sub-committee report re: gracious dismissal	referred to the Assembly Council in consultation with the Clerks of Assembly	to receive and to thoughtfully and prayerfully consider the report of the gracious dismissal committee	
<b>146th (2021)</b>	<b>72</b>	Western Han-Ca	Korean, Surrey	Assembly Council sub-committee report re: gracious dismissal	referred to the Assembly Council in consultation with the Clerks of Assembly	to receive and to thoughtfully and prayerfully consider the report of the gracious dismissal committee	
<b>146th (2021)</b>	<b>73</b>	Western Han-Ca	Korean, Vancouver	Assembly Council sub-committee report re: gracious dismissal	referred to the Assembly Council in consultation with the Clerks of Assembly	to receive and to thoughtfully and prayerfully consider the report of the gracious dismissal committee	
<b>146th (2021)</b>	<b>74</b>	Western Han-Ca	Grace, Victoria	Assembly Council sub-committee report re: gracious dismissal	referred to the Assembly Council in consultation with the Clerks of Assembly	to receive and to thoughtfully and prayerfully consider the report of the gracious dismissal committee	
<b>146th (2021)</b>	<b>78</b>	Western Han-Ca	Manitoba Korean, Winnipeg	Assembly Council sub-committee report re: gracious dismissal	referred to the Assembly Council in consultation with the Clerks of Assembly	to receive and to thoughtfully and prayerfully consider the report of the gracious dismissal committee	
<b>146th (2021)</b>	<b>79</b>	Eastern Han-Ca	London Korean, London	Assembly Council sub-committee report re: gracious dismissal	referred to the Assembly Council in consultation with the Clerks of Assembly	to receive and to thoughtfully and prayerfully consider the report of the gracious dismissal committee	
<b>146th (2021)</b>	<b>82</b>	Eastern Han-Ca	Galilee, Toronto	Assembly Council sub-committee report re: gracious dismissal	referred to the Assembly Council in consultation with the Clerks of Assembly	to receive and to thoughtfully and prayerfully consider the report of the gracious dismissal committee	
<b>146th (2021)</b>	<b>83</b>	Eastern Han-Ca	Westside, Mississauga	Assembly Council sub-committee report re: gracious dismissal	referred to the Assembly Council in consultation with the Clerks of Assembly	to receive and to thoughtfully and prayerfully consider the report of the gracious dismissal committee	

146th (2021)	85	Eastern Han-Ca	Vaughn, Community, Thornhill	Assembly Council sub-committee report re: gracious dismissal	referred to the Assembly Council in consultation with the Clerks of Assembly	to receive and to thoughtfully and prayerfully consider the report of the gracious dismissal committee	
146th (2021)	87	Eastern Han-Ca	Toronto Korean, Toronto	Assembly Council sub-committee report re: gracious dismissal	referred to the Assembly Council in consultation with the Clerks of Assembly	to receive and to thoughtfully and prayerfully consider the report of the gracious dismissal committee	
146th (2021)	26	Barrie	St. Andrew's Huntsville	Preparing legislation for congregations wishing to leave the denomination	referred to the Assembly Council in consultation with the Clerks of Assembly	to: a) form a commission, drawing from church and civil history, and law both Canadian and otherwise, insights which would aid in enabling the church to part company in a gracious and charitable manner, should present differences prove irreconcilable. This would aid in ensuring that the larger part of congregational resources would be devoted to further the fulfilment of the great commission; and b) call for the drafting of church legislation and civil legislation, as may be required, to effect a gracious and charitable separation should such become regrettably necessary,	Note - very similar text to many of the 2017 overtures
146th (2021)	27	Paris	St. Paul's, Simcoe	Assembly Council sub-committee report re: gracious dismissal	referred to the Assembly Council in consultation with the Clerks of Assembly	to receive the report of the Gracious Dismissal task force as found on pages 1363–1372 of the October 27, 2020 Unreferred Overtures (cont'd) – 2021 Page 6, Assembly Council Minutes and to consider the recommendations found within that report,	
146th (2021)	32	West Toronto	St. Andrew's, Islington	Allowing congregations to leave the denomination with their properties and funds, under conditions	referred to the Assembly Council in consultation with the Clerks of Assembly	to allow congregations to withdraw from The Presbyterian Church in Canada and to become the full owners of their properties, buildings, and funds under the following conditions: - that the withdrawal is supported by a 75% vote of both the session and the membership; - that the reason for the withdrawal is a biblically based sense of irreconcilable differences over the direction being taken by The Presbyterian Church in Canada if or when Remits B and C are passed; - that the congregation remains active and viable as an independent congregation or as a member of a new or existing Reformed denomination or fellowship for a period of at least 10 years after its withdrawal; - that a reasonable amount be paid to The Presbyterian Church in Canada to cover any expenses and/or losses it might incur through such a process,	

<b>146th (2021)</b>	<b>35</b>	Hamilton	Cheyne Church, Stoney Creek	Assembly Council sub-committee report re: gracious dismissal	referred to the Assembly Council in consultation with the Clerks of Assembly	to consider the report of the gracious dismissal committee prior to Remits B and C, 2019, (found on pages 1363–1372 of the October 27, 2020 Assembly Council Minutes),
<b>146th (2021)</b>	<b>36</b>	Oak Ridges	Markam Chinese, Markham	Assembly Council sub-committee report re: gracious dismissal	referred to the Assembly Council in consultation with the Clerks of Assembly	to receive the report of the gracious dismissal task force as found on pages 1363–1372 of the October 27, 2020 Assembly Council Minutes and to consider the recommendations found within that report,
<b>146th (2021)</b>	<b>37</b>	Montreal		Assembly Council sub-committee report re: gracious dismissal	referred to the Assembly Council in consultation with the Clerks of Assembly	to receive and consider the report of the Gracious Dismissal Committee before proceeding to discussions about Remits B and C from the 2019 General Assembly,
<b>146th (2021)</b>	<b>39</b>	Montreal		Congregations wishing to separate from the denomination	referred to the Assembly Council in consultation with the Clerks of Assembly	to chart a clear and non-punitive way forward for congregations who feel they must withdraw from the denomination for theological reasons
<b>146th (2021)</b>	<b>53</b>	Western Han-Ca	Abbotsford Korean, Abbotsford	Assembly Council sub-committee report re: gracious dismissal	referred to the Assembly Council in consultation with the Clerks of Assembly	to receive and to thoughtfully and prayerfully consider the report of the Gracious Dismissal Committee,