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**Overture from Kensington Presbyterian Church
regarding the Separation of Church Courts**

Minute extract of an overture transmitted by the Presbytery of Montreal

At Montreal, on the internet by Zoom, the 29th day of March in the year 2021:
Which day the Presbytery of Montreal met and was constituted with prayer.
The presbytery agreed to transmit the following overture to the General Assembly:

To the Venerable the General Assembly:

WHEREAS Remit B (2019) expanding the definition of marriage to include same sex marriage and Remit C (2019) approving the call and ordination of LGBTQI persons as ministers and ruling elders, were recommended by the 145th General Assembly; and

WHEREAS these Remits contemplate a change in the law of the church, they were submitted to presbyteries for consideration under the Barrier Act (s. 293 of the Book of Forms) and according to the Barrier Act Interim Report of May 2020, they have been approved by a majority of the presbyteries representing a majority of the constituent roll of all the presbyteries; and

WHEREAS though members of the church, clergy and lay, do not all agree with these changes, they should be assured that liberty of conscience is guaranteed under the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms, section 2 (a) and no one can or should be compelled to act against his or her conscience; and

WHEREAS whereas we are stronger together - sharing our diverse talents, resources, and perspectives.

THEREFORE the Session of Kensington Presbyterian Church in Montreal humbly overtures the venerable, the 146th General Assembly to endorse Remit B (2019) and Remit C (2019), adopting them as amendments to Church Law, and to work together on what we share, our common belief in, worship of, and service to our God in Christ, or to do otherwise as the General Assembly, in its wisdom, may deem best.

The Presbytery transmits this overture without comment.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Mike Pettem". The signature is written in dark ink and has a long, horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Michael Pettem
Clerk of Presbytery