

L'ÉGLISE PRESBYTÉRIENNE AU CANADA -- THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN CANADA  
CONSISTOIRE DE MONTRÉAL -- PRESBYTERY OF MONTREAL

3495 University Street  
Montreal, Quebec H3A 2A8  
514-845-2566



presbytery.of.montreal@gmail.com

**Overture Requesting the Report of the Gracious Dismissal Committee**

**Minute extract of an overture transmitted by the Presbytery of Montreal**

At Montreal, on the internet by Zoom, the 16<sup>th</sup> day of March in the year 2021:  
Which day the Presbytery of Montreal met and was constituted with prayer.  
Among other matters addressed, the presbytery agreed to transmit the following overture to the General Assembly:

To the Venerable the General Assembly:

WHEREAS the 144th General Assembly (2018) commissioned the Assembly Council to examine the concept of “gracious dismissal” and to report to the church;

WHEREAS the Assembly Council mandated the Gracious Dismissal Committee to examine the concept, considering the related overtures received since 2015 and consulting appropriate expertise both within and beyond the Presbyterian Church in Canada;

WHEREAS the Gracious Dismissal Committee’s report was complete and prepared to be submitted to the Assembly Council at it’s meeting on October 27th 2020;

WHEREAS some on both sides of the human sexuality issue will want to know what reassurances will be offered to divergent voices through “gracious dismissal” options before pronouncing themselves on remits “B” and “C”;

THEREFORE, the Presbytery of Montreal humbly overtures the Venerable, the General Assembly to receive and consider the report of the Gracious Dismissal Committee before proceeding to discussions about Remits “B” and “C” from the 145th General Assembly (2019), or to do otherwise as the General Assembly, in its wisdom, may deem best.

The Presbytery transmits this overture with approval.

Michael Pettem  
Clerk of Presbytery