



In an attempt to be inclusive, Remits B and C, sent down through the Barrier Act in 2019, tried to straddle the theological divide between liberal and conservative Christians, but the result is not only untenable (since any court of reason or law will reject the notion that something can be both light and dark), but is in fact embarrassing. The intention is laudable but the solution will not safeguard the unity of our church. We have seen and will see countless faithful Christians choose to abandon the church of their forebears because they cannot accept the contradiction inherent in these remits. Nor can we hold up our heads in the secular community and say “This is unity...of sorts.” Those of us who desire to be inclusive and welcoming to all believers are wondering how can we live together in unity? Is there a way to stay? YES! There is a way to stay!

We need your help! How?

In two ways: **OVERTURES** and **COMMISSIONERS**

We want to bring before Assembly our need for a safe place through restructuring. One of the main ways to do this is through overtures. There are currently about 10 overtures, but we need to double that number and we need them soon. So please have your session or presbytery create and send an overture into the Clerk of General Assembly, petitioning the 2021 Assembly to: Restructure the Presbyterian Church so that those in our churches who are orthodox, evangelical or traditional in theology have a separate autonomous place. This could be either a separate synod or another option – like pathway ‘C’.



OVERTURES

Overtures from Sessions must be submitted to the associated Presbytery. The Presbytery can approve, disapprove, or provide no comment, but the Presbytery is obliged to pass the overture along to Terrie-Lee Hamilton in the General Assembly Office. The deadline for overtures to reach Church Offices is April 1st, 2021. Time is limited! There are several documents on the Renewal Fellowship website to help you:

[Overture Template](#) – the mandatory format from Church Offices.

[How to Write an Overture](#) – by James Hurd and Martin Kreplin.

[The Need For Restructuring](#) – by Jonathan Dent and Don Bartlett.

COMMISSIONERS: Forming a Team

PSALT is forming a team of commissioners to work together for our cause. Please let us know if you are a commissioner going to this Assembly. PSALT is planning to have training resources and a connecting time.

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