

**Resolution on Overture 43 of the PCA 44th General Assembly 2016
Regarding Repentance and Racial Reconciliation**

Whereas, our denomination at its 43rd General Assembly in 2015 received and discussed the Personal Resolution on Civil Rights Remembrance and referred said resolution for further consideration and discussion to the 44th General Assembly which was convened this year 2016, specifically encouraging sessions and presbyteries to prayerfully consider any and all sins of racial prejudice and to pursue a proper course of action humbly, sincerely and expeditiously (Matthew 5:21-26; Ephesians 2:1-22; 4:1-32) during the course of the intervening year; and

Whereas, our denomination has accepted Overture 43 of the 44th PCA General Assembly 2016 regarding Repentance and Racial Reconciliation and urged churches and presbyteries to make known and promote said resolution; and,

Whereas, we the Plains Presbyterian Church (PCA) Session and congregation seek to walk in accord with our General Assembly to the end of being zealous and faithful in maintaining the purity and peace of the whole body; and

Whereas, we also acknowledge the call and need to address our General Assembly's encouragement to remember sins of racial prejudice that affect our relationships or standing in the greater community and to commit ourselves to a course of action for true repentance with fruits meet for such, leading to reconciliation; and

Whereas, we, the Plains Church Session, owe diligence to heed our General Assembly's encouragement to embody the spirit of the Gospel in our community and to lead Plains Church to self-examination and repentance for sins past and present, whether committed by us or by our forebears;

Be it therefore resolved, that the Plains Church Session commits to heed the admonition of our General Assembly of the current year as contained in Overture 43, particularly the admonition to pay special attention to the pastoral letter contained in Overture 55 as an example of how a presbytery might provide shepherding leadership for its churches toward racial reconciliation;

Be it further resolved, that the Plains Church Session hereby commits to encourage this discussion individually, in our families, and throughout the church utilizing every opportunity available, including teaching, preaching, personal discipleship, personal example and prayer; and

Be it further resolved, that the Plains Church Session urges our congregation to confess [our] own particular sins and failures as may be appropriate and to seek to further truth and reconciliation for the Gospel's sake within our own local communities to God's glory; and

Be it further resolved, that the Plains Church Session acknowledges the admonition of the 44th General assembly to remember that BCO 31-2 and 38-1 provide potent and readily available means for dealing with ones who have sinned or continue to sin in these areas, including those who subscribe to such heretical doctrines as Kinism.

Be it finally resolved, that this resolution will be spread upon the Plains Church Sessional minutes, published in our church newsletter, made known to the congregation of Plains Church and the greater surrounding community by any available means of publication, including but not limited to dissemination in printed form to the church membership and publication on the church's website and other electronic means, and forwarded to the Southern Louisiana Presbytery of the PCA as information.

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