

5th General Assembly, 1977, 5-49, 4, p. 67 and 8, p. 68.

## HOMOSEXUALITY

Overture No. 11 ... be answered in the affirmative:

**Whereas**, God has plainly spoken of homosexuality in his Word, denouncing both the act and the desire as sin, condemning this perversion as unnatural, a degrading, passion, an indecent act, an error, an abomination and hence worthy of death (Lev. 18:22, Rom. 1:26-32); and

Whereas, we recognize, that God's righteous judgment is upon those who approve of such detestable acts, as well as those who practice them; and

Moreover, whereas God has clearly stated that the condoning of homosexuals along with murderers, immoral men, kidnappers, liars, perjurers and all other unrighteousness is contrary to sound teaching (1 Timothy 1:11, 2 Peter 3:14-18);

**Therefore, be it resolved** that the General Assembly encourage Christians to recognize their responsibility to petition the powers that be that such men and women who practice, approve, or condone any of these activities not be invested with the authority to teach in schools or be in a position where they can influence our nation, which professes "In God we trust."

8. Resolution #7 be answered in the affirmative:

*Adopted as amended*

... That the Fifth General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in America affirm the Biblical position for our denomination which states that:

1. The act of homosexuality is a sin according to God's Word;
2. Churches should actively seek to lead the homosexual person to confession and repentance that he might find justification and sanctification in Jesus Christ, according to I Corinthians 6:11; and
3. In light of the Biblical view of its sinfulness, a practicing homosexual continuing in this sin would not be a fit candidate for ordination or membership in the Presbyterian Church in America.

*Adopted*

16th General Assembly, 1988, p. 198, 16-89 Judicial Case 62.

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NOTE: See also "Report on Homosexuality" in *Documents of Synod*, p. 301 (158th GS Minutes, RPCES, July 4, 1980, pp. 43-50).