Advisory Committee 1, Synodical Services and Structure I, Rev. Joseph Vanden Akker reporting, presents the following:

I. **Response to Overture 28 and 29 (Majority)**

A. **Materials**
1. Overture 28, pp. 489-92
2. Overture 29, pp. 493-95

B. **Recommendations**
1. That synod declare that any and all unrepentant sin, including all sin addressed by Heidelberg Catechism Q&A 87 and Q&A 108, is a salvation issue.

   **Ground:** The Scriptures and confessional standards (particularly Heidelberg Catechism Q&A 87) make clear that Heidelberg Catechism Q&A 108 does address a salvation issue and that unchastity and sexual ethics are salvation issues.

2. That synod declare that it is a serious deviation from Scripture and the teachings of the confessions of the Christian Reformed Church to teach that Heidelberg Catechism Q&A 87 is not a salvation issue, including the sins addressed in Heidelberg Catechism Q&A 87 and Q&A 108.

   **Grounds:**
   a. Officebearers in the CRCNA are denying that HC Q&A 108 (and implicitly HC 87) are salvation issues.
   b. It is a serious deviation from the teachings of the CRCNA to reclassify that which is a matter of salvation as a disputable or questionable issue or some other classification; such serious deviations from the clear teachings of Scripture and our confessions endanger the unity of the flock entrusted to the officebearers’ care.
   c. This action is in keeping with the established guidance of Synod 2022 (see *Acts of Synod* 2022, pp. 897-98).

3. That this be synod’s answer to overtures 28 and 29.

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