

### **3 Advisory Committee Report**

Advisory Committee 3A  
Synod 2025

#### **Church Order**

Chair: Mr. Michael Santarosa  
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#### **I. Response to *Deferred Overture 75: Evaluate Polity to Clarify Relationship of Assemblies***

##### ***A. Materials***

*Deferred Overture 75*, p. 335

##### ***B. Recommendation***

1. That synod defer Overture 75 to Synod 2026.

##### ***Grounds:***

- a. A denominational task force is currently addressing some of the matters raised in Overture 75, and its report is scheduled to be submitted to Synod 2026.
- b. Once that report is received, Synod 2026 will be in a position to determine whether the report is sufficient or whether further study (such as a study committee, as requested in Overture 75) is warranted.
- c. It would be premature and potentially counterproductive to create a study committee that would duplicate or overlap with the ongoing work of the task force. Doing so could create confusion, inefficiencies, and conflicting outcomes.

#### **II. Response to Overture 15: Seat Delegates from Classes That Have Not Implemented the Annual Signing of the Covenant for Officebearers**

##### ***A. Materials***

Overture 15, p. 373

##### ***B. Recommendations***

1. That synod receive Overture 15 for information.

*Ground:* Synod of 2025 already addressed the seating of officebearers by having them stand to express their agreement with the Public Declaration of Agreement.