

## Church Order II

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### **Overture**

Response to Overture 68: Council of Moline CRC, Moline, Michigan, Shepherd Congregations into Another Denomination

*A. Material: Agenda for Synod 2023, Overture 68, pp. 573-74*

*B. Observations*

This overture asks to create two committees to help congregations who desire to disaffiliate to do so in a supported way. This overture does not recognize some of the materials that already exist, nor the core responsibility that a classis has for ensuring this support is available.

*C. Recommendations*

1. That synod remind classes of the support that the Office of General Secretary offers for churches that are seeking to disaffiliate from the CRC.
2. That classis leaders familiarize themselves with their responsibility to offer support through a church's disaffiliation process.
3. That the Office of General Secretary pay particular attention to the needs of disaffiliating churches and classes who are supporting them to ensure that the proper support is available.
4. That this be synod's response to Overture 68.