Advisory Committee 8, Discipline Matters, Rev. Lora Copley reporting, presents the following:

I. Response to Overture 24: Clarify Church Order Supplement, Articles 82-84

A. Materials
Overture 24, pp. 475-76

B. Recommendation
That synod not accede to Overture 24.

Grounds:

a. The definition of extraordinary circumstances is not clear
b. Articles 82-84 deal with special discipline within a church body. This overture does not clarify the definition of special discipline but expands the powers of a broader assembly to enact discipline.
c. The action Overture 24 requests calls for a new Church Order article, rather than a supplement.
d. Church order does not allow this relationship between broader assemblies.
e. The unintended consequences of making changes to church order and its supplements prevent us from acting on this overture without further study.