

## **Carlisle Presbytery Process for Submitting Overtures to the General Assembly.**

Proposed overtures to the General Assembly or the Synod of the Trinity require the endorsement of the session of a church or the individual endorsements of not less than three Teaching Elders and three Ruling Elders, the Ruling Elders being of different churches. Authors of proposed overtures are encouraged to contact the stated clerk to obtain information and specific instructions regarding the correct format and procedures for the preparation of a proposed overture and deadlines for consideration. Upon receipt of a proposed overture the stated clerk shall refer it to the Coordinating Council. The Coordinating Council shall appoint an action team, which shall review the proposed overture and shall make recommendations to the presbytery relating thereto.

Proposed overtures to the General Assembly which would amend the *Constitution of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)* shall be submitted to the stated clerk not later than September 30<sup>th</sup> of the year immediately preceding the next meeting of the General Assembly. The action team appointed by the Coordinating Council to review the overture shall make recommendations to the presbytery relating thereto for consideration by the presbytery at its next stated meeting in December of the year immediately preceding the next meeting of the General Assembly. Proposed overtures to the General Assembly which would not amend the *Constitution of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)* shall be submitted to the stated clerk by November 30<sup>th</sup> of the year immediately preceding the next meeting of the General Assembly. The action team appointed by the Coordinating Council to review the overture shall make recommendations to the presbytery relating thereto for consideration by the presbytery at its next stated meeting in February of the year of the next meeting of the General Assembly.