

Resolution 3. Late Overture presented as a personal resolution by Ruling Elder Ken Keyes
Whereas, it has come to our attention that at least one Presbytery in the Presbyterian Church in America has overruled the next General Assembly to amend the Book of Church Order to provide for a delegated General Assembly; and

Whereas, the Presbyterian Church in America came into being as a result of a convocation of Sessions, reflecting a "grass roots" interest and concern; and

Whereas, the benefits of retaining such a "grass roots" interest and participation in our opinion, far outweigh any possible disadvantage some of these benefits being:

1. Making it possible for representatives of every local church to see and hear first hand the state of the Church and to have a voice and vote in any decisions made.
2. Enabling representatives of every local church to learn first hand of the challenges and needs of the Presbyterian Church in America.
3. Enabling representatives from every local church to have fellowship and to exchange ideas with representatives of other local churches, to become personally acquainted with some of the members of the Church's committees and the staff personnel thus providing a dynamic for growth and outreach which could not be achieved in any other way.
4. A large assembly of dedicated Churchmen will make a stronger impact on the area in which the General Assembly is held resulting in a strengthening of our witness for Christ.

Now therefore, be it resolved, that the Presbytery of Southern Florida is of the opinion that it is in the best interests of the Church to continue the "grass roots" General Assembly as presently provided in the Book of Church Order.

We realize that in years to come it is conceivable that the number of churches in our fellowship may grow to the point where some form of a delegated Assembly may need to be considered, but in our opinion we are not at that point now.

Adopted at the January 14, 1975 meeting of Presbytery.

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 Stated Clerk
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Note: This Overture was not received by the Stated Clerk of the General Assembly until September 1, 1975. According to the "Rules for Assembly Operation" it cannot be considered as an overture from a Presbytery by the 1975 Assemby. (5-7)

It was introduced as a personal resolution by Ruling Elder Ken Keyes, a member of the court.
 Answered by reference, paragraph 3-65.

Overtures 2, 3, 9 and Resolution 3 were answered by action taken in paragraph 4-76 by reference to actions taken in 4-74, item III, B.

Action of the Third General Assembly

Par. 3-68. Item 15 was recommitted to the Permanent Committee on Administration:

15. **Whereas**, some of our churches have begun to conduct bazaars, rummage sales, suppers, and other benefits for the purpose of raising money for the Lord's work, and,

Whereas, it is right and proper for a Christian to work to make a good living and to enter into business ventures for profit, it is not proper for the church to do so — for example, a Christian may own and operate a grocery store for his livelihood, but it would not be the place of a church to open and run a grocery store; and,

Whereas, in the light of these events, it is best to set these benefit programs in the proper perspective based on principles of Scripture.

Now, therefore be it resolved: That the Third General Assembly of The Presbyterian Church in America advise its members and churches as follows:

1. The Lord has ordained that giving should be an act of worship and thus a means of grace.
2. God has revealed in His Word that His Kingdom on earth is to be supported by the cheerful, willing and loving tithes and sacrificial offerings of His children.
3. Any benefit, promotion or fund raising techniques for the church is improper if the donor receives any item or thing of value in return for his or her donation.
4. Neither the church, nor any organization of the church should sponsor such benefit promotions to raise money for the support of the Lord's work.
5. This is not to prohibit any such activities in which any individual or group of individuals wish to engage outside the structures of the church.

Amended and adopted, paragraph 4-74.