

Committee on Theology

Standing Committee Report 37th General Assembly

The Standing Committee on Theology convened at 3:15 p.m. on Wednesday, June 21, 2017 and met once. Chairman TE Eric Stiller opened the meeting with prayer.

A. Business Referred to Committee:

1. **Overture 17-C (2 parts)**
2. **Recommendation #17 [NLT 37-5]**

B. Recommendations:

1. That the first recommendation in **Overture 17-C** from Presbytery of the Alleghenies, “Revise the proposed position paper entitled ‘Human Sexuality’ as follows: Add the following sentence to the end of the second paragraph under the section entitled ‘A Call to Holiness’:

Those moral standards require fidelity in the covenant of marriage between one man and one woman or chastity in singleness.”

(see pp. 19-20 in the Commissioner’s Handbook for full text) **not be adopted.**
2. That the second recommendation in **Overture 17-C**, that the Assembly “maintain the position paper entitled “The Sanctity of Marriage”, but appoint an Ad Interim Committee to review and revise as necessary to eliminate any duplicate issues addressed in the proposed position paper entitled “Human Sexuality” **not be adopted.**
3. That **Recommendation 17** from the National Leadership Team, “that the Assembly approve the Preliminary Position Paper on Human Sexuality” (see p. App 4-1 – App 4-7 in the Commissioner’s Handbook for the details) **be adopted.**

C. Additional Recommendations from the Standing Committee:

1. Per *Rules for Assembly* 9-6, the Committee voted to place the following eligible recommendation(s) on an omnibus consent motion:
None
2. That the Ad Interim Committee on the Preliminary Position Paper on Human Sexuality receive the grateful commendation of the Standing Committee of Theology of the 37th General Assembly of the EPC.

TE Eric Stiller closed the meeting with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

_____, Chairman
TE Eric Stiller

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TE Zach Hopkins