

***RULES OF DECORUM AND PROCEDURES FOR DEBATE AND VOTING  
ON PROPOSED OVERTURE TO THE 217<sup>TH</sup> GENERAL ASSEMBLY (2006)  
FROM SIERRA VISTA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
January 21, 2006***

**MOTION:** to adopt the following Rules of Decorum and Debate and Procedures for Voting on the Overture to the 217th General Assembly (2006)

***RULES OF DECORUM AND DEBATE for PROPOSED AMENDMENTS***  
(Based upon RONR 331)

1. Speeches limited to 2 minutes by those eligible to vote, alternating pro and con. There will be a pro and con microphone and those wishing to speak will line up behind the desired microphone and will be recognized on an alternating basis. The Stated Clerk will maintain a timer.
2. Each person may speak twice on a subject and may not speak a second time until everyone who wishes has spoken.
3. Remarks shall be confined to the pending question/issue/amendment and
4. Remarks shall not impugn another person or that person's motives.
5. All remarks shall be addressed to the moderator.
6. Persons' names should not be used, except by way of introduction of yourself when addressing the assembly.
7. Remarks may not refer adversely to prior acts or discussion.
8. Reports or documents are not to be read or distributed.
9. Persons shall not disturb the assembly.

**PROCEDURES FOR DEBATE AND VOTING** (Approved by the Agenda Planning Committee)

1. The Overture from the Sierra Vista Presbyterian Church Session and the report and recommendations of the Bills and Overture Committee (Commissioners to the 216<sup>th</sup> General Assembly (2004) were included in the Call Papers to the January 21, 2006 Stated Meeting of the Presbytery.
2. A representative of the Session of Sierra Vista Presbyterian Church will be provided up to four minutes to provide additional information in support of the written overture.
3. A representative of the Bills and Overtures Committee will be provided up to four minutes to provide addition information in support to their written report.
4. A period of up to 20 minutes will be allotted for speeches for and against the overture in accordance with the above Rules of Decorum and Debate (2 minute speeches alternating pro and con).
5. Presbytery could move to extend the time of floor discussion.
6. Voting on the Overture will be by Ballot.