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This overture contains information that is materially in error (material in question is highlighted on overture). Namely, in the fourth whereas, the statement that "if a member of the Synod were to act contrary to Article XIII, but with the approval of his or her ecclesiastical supervisor, these CCM opinions would prevent a member of the Synod from being called to account publicly for his or her act," does not represent the full truth of CCM Opinion 02-2309, which states fully, *"It would be inconsistent with the above constitutional provisions to place the membership of an individual or congregation at risk where that member relies on the ecclesiastical supervision and counsel of the person called and chosen for that role or function. If an act is in fact contrary to Article XIII of the Constitution, the member who acted cannot be charged since he or she acted according to the advice of his or her ecclesiastical supervisor. It should be noted, however, that when an ecclesiastical supervisor discovers error in his counsel, it is incumbent upon that supervisor to correct or amend it. The member should then be held to consider the corrected counsel. Failure to consider such amended admonition could form the basis for disciplinary action as provided in Article XIII."* (See full CCM Opinion 02-2309 attached.)

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This overture contains information that is materially in error and is an apparent misrepresentation of truth and character. Some specific examples of that kind of information are noted below and are highlighted on the overture.

In the third whereas that which is referred as being listed in Article IV of the Constitution is materially in error, as the conditions for acquiring and holding membership in the Synod are listed in Article VI of the Constitution.

In the fifth whereas, the statement, "it is no secret that our President has been heavily promoting the use of contemporary worship in our Synod from within his *Ablaze!* program," is a misrepresentation of truth as the president has not "been heavily promoting the use of contemporary worship." It is further a misstatement to refer to *Ablaze!* as "his program." *Ablaze!* is a proposal stemming from LCMS World Mission and its goals were adopted for action by the Synod in convention.

Also, in the fifth whereas, it is a misstatement of truth to state regarding the president that, "he sees the solution as having the synod approve and develop more of these methods," as the Synod in convention approves resolutions, not the president. Further in the same whereas to express such a lackadaisical attitude as reflecting the president's concern for and views on worship is misrepresentative of his character.

In the seventh whereas, misrepresentation of character and non-substantiated judgments of heterodoxy are cast upon Lutherans whose practice includes contemporary worship.

In the thirteenth whereas the statement, "Even when the excitement and novelty of Evangelical Protestant Revivalism does result in a short-term increase in attendance, enthusiasm, outreach,

caring-attitude, etc, there is not a corresponding real growth in faith and Christian knowledge," cannot be substantiated or verified as truth, is judgmental conjecture, and calls into question the Word of the Lord in Isaiah 55:10-11, "For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven and do not return there but water the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and shall succeed in the thing for which I sent it."