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ON THE EVANGELISM OF JEWISH PEOPLE | *General Assembly of the PCA*<sup>1</sup>

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WHEREAS, Messiah Jesus commanded that “repentance and forgiveness of sins be preached in His name to all nations beginning at Jerusalem (Luke 24:47); and

WHEREAS, there has been an organized effort on the part of some who claim to profess the name of Christ to deny that Jewish people need to come to Him to be saved; and

WHEREAS, these people have spread a false hope and security that Jewish people can inherit eternal life apart from the faith in God’s New Covenant promises foretold by the Jewish prophets (Jeremiah 31:31, Isaiah 53);

THEREFORE, Be it Resolved the 20th General Assembly of the PCA re-affirms that: we are “not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God for the salvation of everyone who believes: first for the Jew, then for the Gentile” (Romans 1: 16); and

*Re-affirms* that anyone and everyone—Jewish or Gentile—who fails to receive Jesus, Messiah of Israel, as Savior and Lord, as taught in the New Covenant, will perish eternally; for Peter, appointed as Apostle to the Jewish people (Galatians 2:7), pleaded with the men of Israel, “save yourselves from this corrupt generation” (Acts 2:1-41); and

*Re-commits* itself to prayer for all peoples—Jewish & Gentile—to turn to the God of Israel and His Holy Messiah Jesus in faith, as the *Westminster Larger Catechism* states, we are to pray that “the gospel [be] propagated throughout the world, the Jews called, the fullness of the Gentiles brought in” (*Westminster Larger Catechism* answer to Question 191); and

*Re-commits* itself to the preaching of the gospel of Christ to all peoples—Jewish & Gentile—and condemns as the worst form of anti-semitism withholding the gospel from the Jewish people; and

*Condemns* as erroneous the false teaching held by some that salvation for Jews today is possible apart from the gospel of Christ due to the Abrahamic Covenant, for this heresy necessarily involves denying the completed atonement for sin accomplished through our Messiah (Hebrews 9:15).

*We therefore re-affirm*, in accord with the scriptures and the *Westminster Confession of Faith* and *Catechisms*, that it is our duty, as Messiah’s people, to take the gospel to all the peoples of the earth, including the Jewish people. We call the Jewish people, *through* whom Jesus came, to join us in faith in their own Messiah, obedience to their own King, Jesus the “King of the Universe”, and in proclamation of His gospel to all peoples, for that same Jesus will one day return to judge the world (Acts 1: 11).

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<sup>1</sup> From *M20GA* (1992), p. 111, 20-51, 14. “Evangelism of Jewish People”.