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Greetings from The Presbyterian Coalition!

Welcome to our first edition of **News and Action**. We hope you will benefit from the information and opportunities offered in this newsletter, and will join us in putting feet to the opportunities. And, we hope this new format makes it easy and enjoyable for you!

While this issue was written by Coalition staff, future issues will feature a variety of authors and topics. Stay tuned!

Repeated Votes Lead to Same Faithful Outcome

Resisting cultural and political pressures to normalize non-marital sexual relations, elder and minister commissioners in a strong and prevailing majority of our 173 presbyteries took their stand again with the Body of Christ around the world and across the ages in affirming God's plan for marriage as the proper place for sexual intimacy. [Read more . . .](#)

No Sidestepping the Book of Order

One opinion expressed during the recent voting on Amendment 08-B was that whatever the Book of Order says about ordination standards doesn't matter anymore... The argument is that the AIs allow presbyteries to consider candidates' departures from Book of Order requirements- such as G-6.0106b's requirement of "fidelity and chastity"-and decide that those departures are somehow not related to "essentials." Therefore, the argument continues, governing bodies are empowered to grant exemptions from clear constitutional requirements and waive the departures. [Read more . . .](#)

Demythologizing the Myth of Inevitability

In our era, it appears that many people have bought into the idea that homosexuality is an idea whose time has come. The cultural forces make normalization of that practice appear inevitable, or so it would seem. [Read more . . .](#)

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GA 2010: A Starter Guide to Actions You Can Take Now

General Assembly commissioners, including those from your presbytery, will vote on recommendations coming from several important special committees. Of particular interest are special committees on Christian Marriage and Civil Unions and on the Heidelberg Catechism. In addition, the Task Force on a substitute Form of Government will bring another rewrite to this GA, hoping for approval this time around. The assembly will elect a new Moderator and a new class of the General Assembly Permanent Judicial Commission (GA-PJC). It will elect roughly 150 members to other General Assembly-level committees and entities. [Read more](#)

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Make a Choice to Resist Evil, Support the Good

On May 20, the Covenant Network issued a statement that showed its intent to press on for acceptance of, in its rhetoric, "the full inclusion of gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender Presbyterians in the life and leadership of the church while simultaneously working for unity within our denomination."

These are incompatible goals. These goals ask the church to bless relationships that God both opposes and seeks to redeem, and to seek a unity that breaks faith with the Savior, who is Lord of the Church. The Presbyterian Coalition actively rejects these goals.

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In closing . . .

The electronic age offers more instant and economical ways to be in touch. We expect this form of communication to increase both the means of contact and the speed at which we can correspond. We want a personal relationship with you that honors the Savior and benefits his Church.

Thus, we hope to hear from you. And could you do three more things to help out?

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