

Advisory Committee 8, Discipline Matters, Rev. Lora Copley reporting, presents the following:

I. Response to Overture 24: Clarify Church Order Supplement, Articles 82-84

A. Materials

Overture 24, pp. 475-76

B. Recommendation

That synod not accede to Overture 24.

Grounds:

- a. The definition of extraordinary circumstances is not clear
- b. Articles 82-84 deal with special discipline within a church body. This overture does not clarify the definition of special discipline but expands the powers of a broader assembly to enact discipline.
- c. The action Overture 24 requests calls for a new Church Order article, rather than a supplement.
- d. Church order does not allow this relationship between broader assemblies.
- e. The unintended consequences of making changes to church order and its supplements prevent us from acting on this overture without further study.