

**Report to the Presbytery of Transylvania  
December 3, 2005  
Judicial Business**

An Overture from Transylvania Presbytery to the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)

At the October 16, 2005 monthly meeting of the Session of Second Presbyterian Church, Lexington, KY, the Session unanimously approved the following resolution to bring to the Presbytery of Transylvania.

Whereas the 216th General Assembly requested the Mission Responsibility Through Investment Committee (MRTI) initiate a process of phased selective divestment in multinational corporations operating in Israel and expressed its opposition to the security barriers separating Israelis and Palestinians;

And whereas some Jewish leaders and organizations believe that the resolutions of the 216th General Assembly reflect an attitude of anti-semitism;

And whereas comments by Presbyterian Church leaders indicating that anti-semitism or bias against the nation of Israel and the Jewish people was not the intent of any resolution at the 216th General Assembly, and has no place within the life of the Presbyterian Church (USA);

Be it resolved that the Presbytery of Transylvania submits by this overture that the 217th General Assembly ensure that whenever such a divestment occurs, then whatever proceeds are realized from the sale of those holdings be reinvested in corporations whose business in Israel is positive, helpful, and peaceful.