

**Report to the Presbytery of Transylvania
December 1, 2007
Stated Clerk**

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Information:

"The session for First PC Pikeville, by unanimous vote, on the 8th day of November, hereby requests the withdrawal of its Session Resolution (approved at its March 19th, 2007 Stated Meeting) and sent to the Stated Clerk of Presbytery of Transylvania on March 29th, 2007. The session has prayerfully considered the comments made by the Judicial Business Committee regarding the resolution and will be issuing a new resolution within the next few weeks. It is our desire to be as clear as possible and to utilize language that would be most consistent with the Book of Order. "

Recommendations for Action:

- That the resignation of Jennifer Johnson from the Committee on Ministry be received and accepted.
- As per the request of the First Presbyterian Church of Pikeville session on October 22nd, 2007, recommend that the Presbytery grant Relief of Conscience to the church based on their opposition to the Benefits Plan of the PCUSA making payments for abortions, and hereby request that the Board of Pensions of the PCUSA grant relief.