**(Your Name)**

**(DATE)**

**Views Statement**

**Tennessee Valley Presbytery**

(Please send this views statement to us electronically as a Word Doc so we can easily distribute it. Please also confine your views statement, including any differences with the Westminster standards or scruples with the BCO that you list, to no more than 4 pages in ten to twelve point font. Please proofread for clarity, grammar, and spelling before submitting your statement.)

(Please note that none of the language in parentheses should be included in your final views statement. The questions are for your guidance only and should disappear from the final document. Your answers should be in the form of positive and negative statements, giving your definition of each term as well as expressing which views you do and/or do not embrace. You are welcome to give references to Scripture, the WCF, catechisms, etc., but the point of this views statement is to share your views with the committee and the Presbytery. Any direct quotes must be footnoted.)

**Scripture**

**World and Life View**

**Creation**

(What is your view of the days of creation? What are the other views that are acceptable in the PCA, and how do you feel about those who hold to them?)

**Doctrine of Christ and the Trinity**

**Theology of the Church**

(Who are the members of the church visible and invisible? What are the marks of any true church?)

**Justification**

**Sanctification**

(Include the similarities and differences between justification and sanctification.)

**Adoption**

**Eternal Punishment/Eternal Life**

**God’s Sovereignty and Providence**

**Covenant of Redemption**

**Covenant Theology**

(Include Covenant of Works and Grace, as well as all dispensations of the Covenant of Grace)

**Dispensationalism**

(Define it and state the basic difference between it and covenant theology.)

**Baptism**

(Include what it is, what it means, and to whom it should be administered.)

**The Lord's Supper**

(Include what it is, what actually happens, and to whom it should be administered.)

**The Gospel**

**The Five Points of Calvinism**

(Please give brief definitions of each point. Hint: perseverance is not just preservation.)

**The Person and Work of the Holy Spirit/Gifts of the Spirit**

(Are some gifts seen in the NT no longer expected to be given.)

**Eschatology**

(What is your eschatological position, and why do you hold it? How do you feel about those who hold other views?)

**Marriage, Divorce, and Remarriage**

(What do you believe about marriage, divorce, and remarriage? Do you believe marriage is designed only for the joining of one man and one woman?)

**Ordination of Women to the offices of Elder and Deacon and the use of their gifts in the church**

**Homosexuality and Same-Sex Attraction**

**The Regulative Principle**

**Subscription to the Westminster Standards**

**Differences with the Westminster Standards**

(In accordance with BCO 21-4.f., please list here the specific instances, if any, in which you differ with the Confession of Faith and Catechisms in any of their statements and/or propositions.)

**Scruples with the Book of Church Order**