

**CORRECTING IMBALANCE REPORT  
PRESBYTERY OF CHARLOTTE  
May 15, 2018**

The **BOOK OF ORDER**, G-3.0301 (Composition and Responsibilities) states:

The presbytery is the council serving as a corporate expression of the church within a certain district and is composed of all the congregations and minister within that district. The presbytery shall adopt and communicate to the sessions a plan for determining how many ruling elders each session should elect as commissioners to presbytery, with a goal of numerical parity of ministers and ruling elders. This plan shall require each session to elect at least one commissioner and shall take into consideration the size of congregations as well as a method to fulfill the principles of participation and representation found in F-1.403 and G-3.0103. Ruling elders elected as officers of the presbytery shall be enrolled as members during the period of their service. A presbytery may provide by its own rule for the enrollment of ruling elders serving as moderators of committees or commissions.

**The following procedure has been adopted by the Presbytery of Charlotte:**

That the imbalance created by having more ministers than ruling elders in the Presbytery of Charlotte be addressed by requesting an additional ruling elder commissioner from churches with only 1 (one) ruling elder representative, in decreasing order of membership size until the imbalance is corrected.

That those sending extra elders be encouraged to "give special consideration" to (sending) women and ethnic minority elders".

\*\*The Stated Clerk reports that on the basis of the 2017 statistics, there are **276** ministers on the roll, **51** of whom live outside the bounds. Therefore, there are **225** resident ministers. There are **125** eligible ruling elders, creating an imbalance of **100**. As per G-3.0101, ruling elder members of the Presbytery's Council (**4-four**) shall be enrolled as members during their period of service. Ruling Elders that are commissioned to particular pastoral service as temporary pastors of a church shall also be enrolled as members during their period of service. There are currently **6 (six)**.

**The total number of ruling elder/commissioners after correcting the imbalance is 202.**

**7 Elders:**  
Myers Park – 4723

**4 Elders:**  
First-Charlotte - 2053

**5 Elders:**  
Covenant-Charlotte – 2274

**3 Elders:**  
Davidson College – 1422  
Sardis - 1338  
South Mecklenburg – 1187

**2 Elders: (Churches with membership between 500 – 1000)**

First Concord 967  
Sharon 963  
C.N. Jenkins 833  
Providence 801

Mallard Creek 691  
Philadelphia 587  
Selwyn Avenue 510

**The following churches with between 60 and 499 members are asked  
to send 2 (two) Elder Commissioners each to help correct the imbalance:**

Amity	115	2	Matthews-Murkland	222	2
Avondale	435	2	McClintock	122	2
Bellefonte	114	2	Meadowlake	147	2
Ben Salem	88	2	Memorial	269	2
Bethpage	142	2	MorningStar	141	2
Bethpage United	153	2	Mount Olive	164	2
Black's Memorial	115	2	Mulberry	89	2
Caldwell	281	2	New Friendship	95	2
Carmel	255	2	New Hampton	86	2
Central Steele Creek	300	2	Newell	111	2
Christ	55	2	Paw Creek	181	2
Cook's Memorial	327	2	Plaza	126	2
Covenant Concord	76	2	Pleasant Grove	115	2
Covenant Kannapolis	134	2	Pleasant Hill	202	2
Davidson	129	2	Poplar Tent	226	2
Derita	71	2	Quail Hollow	174	2
First Albemarle	300	2	Ramah	189	2
First Hamlet	176	2	Robinson	92	2
First Monroe	428	2	Rocky River	336	2
First Norwood	143	2	Saint Paul	102	2
First Rockingham	277	2	Smallwood	104	2
First Wadesboro	122	2	South End	156	2
First United	205	2	Steele Creek	348	2
Gilwood	171	2	Statesville Avenue	103	2
Good Shepherd	190	2	Sugaw Creek	61	2
Grier Heights	142	2	the Fellowship place	67	2
H.O. Graham Metropolitan	105	2	The Grove	129	2
Harrisburg	221	2	Third	116	2
Hopewell	463	2	Trinity	476	2
Indian Trail	77	2	Woodland	172	2
Locust	139	2			
Macedonia	129	2			
Marks Creek	99	2			
Matthews	394	2			

The following churches with less than 60 members are asked to send 1 (one) Elder Commissioner each:

Beulah	56	1
Bethany	41	1
Candor	12	1
Catawba	48	1
Cedar Grove	15	1
Cornelius	38	1
Ebenezer	26	1
First Mt. Gilead	54	1
First Pageland	40	1
First Waxhaw	47	1
Flow Harris	43	1
Henderson Grove	55	1
Johnston Memorial	15	1
Kirkwood	31	1
Morven	16	1
Saint Andrews	17	1
Second Kannapolis	24	1
Star	53	1
Stephenson	56	1
The Avenue	29	1
Turner	56	1
Williams Memorial	54	1

**Note:** Those churches highlighted in yellow did not submit their 2017 Annual Statistical Reports to the Presbyterian Church (USA) Office of the General Assembly.