

**CORRECTING IMBALANCE REPORT  
PRESBYTERY OF CHARLOTTE  
May 21, 2019**

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 2018 statistics, there are **266** ministers on the roll, **58** of whom live outside the bounds. Therefore, there are **208** resident ministers. There are **124** eligible ruling elders, creating an imbalance of **84**. 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 (1501 – 2000 members:**

**5 Elders (2001+ members):**  
Covenant-Charlotte – 2302  
First-Charlotte - 2119

**3 Elders (1001 – 1500 members):**  
Davidson College – 1455  
Sardis - 1334  
South Mecklenburg – 1183

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

First Concord 963  
Sharon 930  
C.N. Jenkins 851  
Providence 685

Mallard Creek 613  
Philadelphia 598  
Selwyn Avenue 511

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

Amity	111	2	Matthews	414	2
Avondale	434	2	Matthews-Murkland	100	2
Bellefonte	89	2	McClintock	123	2
Ben Salem	98	2	Meadowlake	151	2
Bethpage	135	2	Memorial	180	2
Bethpage United	154	2	MorningStar	143	2
Black's Memorial	71	2	Mount Olive	143	2
Caldwell	275	2	Mulberry	77	2
Carmel	235	2	New Friendship	88	2
Central Steele Creek	267	2	New Hampton	86	2
Christ	52	2	Newell	101	2
Cook's Memorial	291	2	Paw Creek	173	2
Covenant Concord	75	2	Plaza	100	2
Covenant Kannapolis	132	2	Pleasant Grove	109	2
Davidson	127	2	Poplar Tent	226	2
Derita	70	2	Quail Hollow	170	2
First Albemarle	294	2	Ramah	98	2
First Hamlet	173	2	Robinson	104	2
First Monroe	429	2	Rocky River	335	2
First Norwood	144	2	Saint Paul	100	2
First Rockingham	275	2	Smallwood	107	2
First Wadesboro	121	2	South End	156	2
First United	201	2	Statesville Avenue	104	2
Gilwood	175	2	Steele Creek at Pleasant Hill	485	2
Good Shepherd	170	2	Sugaw Creek	61	2
Grier Heights	148	2	the Fellowship place	67	2
H.O. Graham Metropolitan	106	2	The Grove	137	2
Harrisburg	148	2	Third	113	2
Hopewell	452	2	Trinity	476	2
Indian Trail	76	2	Woodland	173	2
Locust	138	2			
Macedonia	124	2			
Marks Creek	96	2			

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

Beulah	55	1
Bethany	43	1
Candor	11	1
Catawba	44	1
Cedar Grove	16	1
Cornelius	38	1
Ebenezer	29	1
First Mt. Gilead	40	1
First Pageland	39	1
First Waxhaw	46	1
Flow Harris	43	1
Henderson Grove	61	1
Johnston Memorial	4	1
Kirkwood	32	1
Morven	15	1
Saint Andrews	18	1
Star	47	1
Stephenson	54	1
The Avenue	29	1
Turner	56	1 (did not complete Statistical Report)
Williams Memorial	53	1

**Note:** Those churches highlighted in **yellow** did not submit their 2018 Annual Statistical Reports to the Presbyterian Church (USA) Office of the General Assembly.