

**CORRECTING IMBALANCE REPORT
PRESBYTERY OF CHARLOTTE
May 19, 2020**

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 2019 statistics, there are **269 ministers on the roll, **60** of whom live outside the bounds. Therefore, there are **209** resident ministers. There are **130** eligible ruling elders, creating an imbalance of **79**. 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 **7 (seven)**.

The total number of ruling elder/commissioners after correcting the imbalance is 213.

7 Elders:
Myers Park – 4811

4 Elders (1501 – 2000 members:
First-Charlotte - 1987

5 Elders (2001+ members):
Covenant-Charlotte – 2396

3 Elders (1001 – 1500 members):
Davidson College – 1432
Sardis - 1295
South Mecklenburg – 1156

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

Sharon 930
C.N. Jenkins 882
First Concord 773
Providence 677

Mallard Creek 607
Philadelphia 560
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	108	Marks Creek	97
Avondale	383	Matthews	431
Bellefonte	90	Matthews-Murkland	125
Ben Salem	106	McClintock	124
Bethpage	130	Meadowlake	153
Bethpage United	160	Memorial	180
Black's Memorial	72	MorningStar	142
Caldwell Memorial	288	Mount Olive	142
Carmel	185	Mulberry	75
Central Steele Creek	265	New Friendship	81
Cook's Memorial	292	New Hampton	64
Covenant-Concord	74	Newell	100
Covenant-Kannapolis	132	Paw Creek	172
Davidson	126	Plaza	93
Derita	64	Pleasant Grove	104
First-Albemarle	307	Poplar Tent	239
First-Hamlet	172	Quail Hollow	160
First-Monroe	426	Ramah	98
First-Norwood	142	Robinson	112
First-Rockingham	267	Rocky River	322
First-Wadesboro	121	Saint Paul	90
First United	165	Smallwood	107
Gilwood	176	South End	146
Good Shepherd	133	Statesville Avenue	100
Grier Heights	158	Steele Creek at Pleasant Hill	476
H.O. Graham Metropolitan	106	Sugaw Creek	61
Harrisburg	148	the Fellowship place	71
Henderson Grove	64	The Grove	142
Hopewell	414	Third	101
Indian Trail	73	Trinity	475
Locust	138	Woodland	171
Macedonia	149	Smallwood	107

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

Bethany	43	1
Beulah	55	1
Candor	11	1
Catawba	48	1
Cedar Grove	16	1
Christ	49	1
Cornelius	41	1
Ebenezer	28	1
First Mt. Gilead	26	1
First Pageland	39	1
First Waxhaw	46	1
Flow Harris	49	1
Kirkwood	32	1
Morven	17	1
Saint Andrews	18	1
Seigle Avenue	51	1
Star	44	1
Stephenson	41	1
Williams Memorial	50	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.