

CORRECTING IMBALANCE REPORT FOR 2022
PRESBYTERY OF CHARLOTTE
May 17, 2022

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 ministers of the Word and Sacrament 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 of the Word and Sacrament 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-1.0403 and G3.0103. Ruling elders elected as officers of the presbytery shall be enrolled as members during the period of their service. A presbytery may enroll, or may provide by its own rule for the enrollment of, ruling elders during terms of elected service to the presbytery or its congregations.

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.

The Stated Clerk reports that on the basis of the 2021 statistics, there are **262 ministers on the roll, **65** of whom live outside the bounds. Therefore, there are **197** resident ministers. There are **181** eligible ruling elders, creating an imbalance of **16**. As per G-3.0101, the 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 **9 (nine)**.

The total number of ruling elder/commissioners after correcting the imbalance is 194.

3 – 7 Elders: (Churches with membership between 1001-5000)

7 Elders:

Myers Park – 4770

5 Elders (2001+ members):

Covenant-Charlotte – 2489

3 Elders (1001 – 1500 members):

First-Charlotte – 1960

Davidson College - 1486

Sardis - 1270

South Mecklenburg – 1156

The following churches with between 60 and 1000 members are asked to send 2 (two) Elder Commissioners each:

Amity	102	Marks Creek	92
Avondale	395	Matthews	362
Bellefonte	104	Matthews-Murkland	85
Bethpage	121	McClintock	116
Bethpage United	148	Meadowlake	75
Blacks Memorial	68	Memorial	162
C.N. Jenkins	874	Mount Olive	137
Caldwell Memorial	271	Mulberry	65
Carmel	192	New Friendship	78
Central Steele Creek	259	Newell	98
Cooks Memorial	265	Paw Creek	152
Covenant-Concord	67	Philadelphia	519
Covenant-Kannapolis	128	Pleasant Grove	76
Davidson	117	Poplar Tent	212
Derita	60	Providence	660
First-Albemarle	317	Quail Hollow	148
First-Concord	734	Ramah	70
First-Hamlet	172	Robinson	115
First-Monroe	407	Rocky River	325
First-Norwood	120	Saint Paul	79
First-Rockingham	258	Selwyn Avenue	536
First-Wadesboro	118	Sharon	914
First United	167	Smallwood	96
Gilwood	172	South End	124
Good Shepherd	124	South Mecklenburg	1156
Grier Heights	148	Statesville Avenue	93
H O Graham Metropolitan	60	Steele Creek at Pleasant Hill	399
Hopewell	394	The Grove	145
Indian Trail	75	Third	103
Locust	95	Trinity	455
Macedonia	119	Woodland	127
Mallard Creek	588		

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

Ben Salem	51
Bethany	23
Beulah	53
Candor	9
Catawba	42
Cedar Grove	12
Christ	45
Cornelius	39
Ebenezer	22
First-Mount Gilead	24
First-Pageland	38
First-Waxhaw	30
Flow Harris	45
Harrisburg	52
Henderson Grove	58
*Kirkwood	32
MorningStar	53
Morven	9
New Hampton	54
Saint Andrews	9
Seigle Avenue	31
Star	44
Stephenson	40
Sugaw Creek	42
the Fellowship place	40
Williams Memorial	43

***Did not submit 2021 Statistical Report to the Office of the General Assembly**