

**CORRECTING IMBALANCE REPORT FOR 2022
PRESBYTERY OF CHARLOTTE
May 16, 2023**

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 2022 statistics, there are **260 ministers on the roll, **60** of whom live outside the bounds. Therefore, there are **200** 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 – 4688

5 Elders (2001+ members):

Covenant-Charlotte – 2557

3 Elders (1001 – 1500 members):

First-Charlotte – 1923

Davidson College - 1473

Sardis - 1269

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

Amity	101	Marks Creek	93
Avondale	402	Matthews	372
Bellefonte	107	Matthews-Murkland	74
Bethpage	120	McClintock	114
Bethpage United	143	Meadowlake	60
Blacks Memorial	64	Memorial	152
C N Jenkins	882	Mount Olive	139
Caldwell Memorial	283	New Friendship	78
Carmel	210	Newell	91
Central Steele Creek	248	Paw Creek	147
Cooks Memorial	230	Philadelphia	526
Covenant-Concord	63	Pleasant Grove	69
Covenant-Kannapolis	126	Poplar Tent	200
Davidson	115	Providence	505
First United	161	Quail Hollow	135
First-Albemarle	289	Ramah	70
First-Concord	771	Robinson	113
First-Hamlet	156	Rocky River	333
First-Monroe	401	Saint Paul	78
First-Norwood	120	Selwyn Avenue	540
First-Rockingham	248	Sharon	918
First-Wadesboro	118	Smallwood	88
Gilwood	167	South End	124
Good Shepherd	129	South Mecklenburg	987
Grier Heights	156	Statesville Avenue	86
Hopewell	382	Steele Creek PC at Pleasant Hill	395
Indian Trail	72	The Grove	169
Locust	94	Third	101
Macedonia	99	Trinity	452
Mallard Creek	589	Woodland	124

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

Ben Salem	52
Bethany	22
Beulah	52
Candor	9
Catawba	42
Cedar Grove	13
Christ	43
Cornelius	32
Derita	50
Ebenezer	21
First-Mount Gilead	20
First-Pageland	38
First-Waxhaw	29
Flow Harris	45
H O Graham Metropolitan	59
Harrisburg	55
Henderson Grove	58
*Kirkwood	32
MorningStar	53
Morven	10
Mulberry	58
New Hampton	42
Saint Andrews	9
Star	45
Stephenson	39
Sugaw Creek	38
the Fellowship place	34
Williams Memorial	44

*Did not submit 2022 Statistical Report to the Office of the General Assembly