CORRECTING IMBALANCE REPORT FOR 2026
PRESBYTERY OF CHARLOTTE
May 16, 2026

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 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 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 2025 statistics, there are **276 ministers on the roll, **69** of whom live outside the bounds. Therefore, there are **207** resident ministers. There are **86** eligible ruling elders, creating an imbalance of **121.** As per G-3.0101, the **4 (four**) Ruling Elder members of the Presbytery's Council 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 175.

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

7 Elders:
Myers Park – 4734

5 Elders (2001+ members):
Covenant-Charlotte – 2825

3 Elders (1001 – 1500 members):
First-Charlotte – 1969
Davidson College - 1484

The following churches with between 50 and 1000 members are asked to send 2 (two) Elder Commissioners each:

Amity	141	Locust	93
Avondale	440	Macedonia	80
Bellefonte	119	Mallard Creek	339
Ben Salem	57	Marks Creek	92
Bethpage	93	Matthews	369
Bethpage United	119	Matthews-Murkland	83
*Blacks Memorial	62	McClintock	80
C N Jenkins	625	Memorial	148
Caldwell Memorial	306	Mount Olive	149
Carmel	204	New Hampton	60
Central Steele Creek	105	Newell	79
Cooks Memorial	204	Paw Creek	135
Covenant-Concord	50	Philadelphia	464
Covenant-Kannapolis	125	Pleasant Grove	69
Davidson	53	Poplar Tent	179
First-Albemarle	295	Providence	517
First-Concord	802	Robinson	72
First-Hamlet	148	Rocky River	307
*First-Monroe	376	Saint Paul	53
First-Norwood	123	Sardis	924
First-Rockingham	148	Selwyn Avenue	709
First-Wadesboro	118	Sharon	674
First United	150	Smallwood	70
Gilwood	157	South End	94
Good Shepherd	123	South Mecklenburg	870
Grier Heights	151	Statesville Avenue	71
H O Graham Metropolitan	59	Steele Creek at Pleasant Hill	421
Harrisburg	62	Third	68
Hickory Grove	187	Trinity	391
Hopewell	367	Woodland	78
Indian Trail	68		

The following churches with less than 50 members are asked to send 1 (one) Elder Commissioner each:

*Bethany	22
Beulah	44
Catawba	45
Cedar Grove	23
Cornelius	28
Derita	41
Ebenezer	13
First-Mount Gilead	20
*First-Pageland	37
First-Waxhaw	24
Flow Harris	34
Henderson Grove	48
Kirkwood	9
Meadowlake	20
MorningStar	49
Morven	8
Mulberry	49
New Friendship	36
Ramah	42
Saint Andrews	10
Star	48
Stephenson	37
Sugaw Creek	34
the Fellowship place	31
Williams Memorial	38

*Did not submit 2025 Statistical Report to the Office of the General Assembly