

EQUALIZATION OF ROLLS
MINISTER OF WORD AND SACRAMENT AND RULING ELDER COMMISSIONERS
 Submitted by the Connectional Presbyter/Stated Clerk
 January 12, 2019
 844th Stated Meeting of Presbytery

ROLL OF MINISTER MEMEBERS (FORMERLY TEACHING ELDERS):

The roll of Ministers of the Word and Sacrament (formerly Teaching Elders) in New Castle Presbytery totaled **99** as of January 1, 2019.

The *Book of Order* specifies in: *G-3.0301 Composition and Responsibilities*

*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 Presbytery addresses the imbalance by inviting sessions of particular churches to elect additional ruling-elder commissioners, with special attention to the full expression of the rich diversity of the church's membership as noted in G-3.0103.

TOTAL RESIDENT MINISTERS OF THE WORD AND SACRAMENT = 99

BASIS OF ALLOCATION OF RULING ELDERS:

MEMBERSHIP	COMMISSIONERS	# OF CHURCHES	TOTAL
More than 500	4	2	8
350-500	3	2	6
175-350	2	12	24
Less than 175	1	33	33
NWC*	1	2	2
TOTALS		51	73

*(New Worshipping Communities)

RULING ELDERS ACCOUNTED FOR BY POSITION IN PRESBYTERY: (16)

POSITION	TOTAL
PJC Ruling Elders	4
Presbytery Officer Ruling Elders: <i>Vice Moderator and Treasurer</i>	2
Committee Chair/Representative Ruling Elders <i>(one representative for each committee)</i>	3
Trustees President	1
Commissioned Ruling Elders Serving Churches	6
TOTAL	16

(NOTE: Commissioned Ruling Elders in Presbytery Service do not have voice or vote at Presbytery meetings)

Based on membership statistics at the close of 2017, the following churches are entitled to additional ruling-elder commissioners by virtue of membership:

CHURCHES ENTITLED BY SIZE TO SEND MORE RULING ELDERS: (19)

	CHURCH	TOTAL
1.	Westminster (Wilmington)	4
2.	Red Clay Creek	4
3.	Newark (First)	3
4.	Limestone	3
5.	Trinity	2
6.	Elkton	2
7.	Chestertown	2
8.	Dover	2
9.	Lower Brandywine	2
10.	Concord	2
11.	First & Central	2
12.	New Covenant	2
13.	Westminster (Rehoboth)	2
14.	Hanover	2
15.	New Castle	2
16.	Wicomico	2
17.	Easton	2
18.	Community	2
19.	Buckingham	2
	TOTAL	44

CHURCHES ENTITLED TO ONE RULING ELDER/UNDER 175 MEMBERS: (30)

Beaver Dam	Green Hill	Port Penn
Calvary	Head of Christiana	Rehoboth (MD)
Chesapeake City	Manokin	Rehoboth (Midway)
Christiana	Makemie Memorial	Rock
Coolspring	Milford	St. Andrews
Church of the Covenant	Ocean City	Seaford
Delaware City	Ocean View	Smyrna
Elsmere	Olivet	West Nottingham
Faith Chapel	Perryville	
Frankford	Pitts Creek	
Georgetown	Port Deposit	

NEW WORSHIPPING COMMUNITIES ENTITLED TO ONE RULING ELDER; (2)

Church on Main (Middletown), Riverfront/505 (Wilmington)

CHURCHES ENTITLED TO ONE ADDITIONAL RULING ELDER COMMISSIONER BY RACIAL/ETHNIC DIVERSITY (NCP Manual M-1.111): (7)

Community, Dover, First & Central, Hanover, Olivet, St. Andrews and Seaford

TABULATION

POSITION	# OF ELDERS
Ruling Elders Accounted for by Position in Presbytery	16
Churches Entitled by Size to Send more Elders	44
Churches Entitled to One Elder	30
New Worshipping Community Entitled to One Elder	2
Churches Entitled by Racial/Ethnic Diversity to Send on Additional Elder	7
TOTAL RULING ELDERS	99
TOTAL MINISTER MEMBERS	99
TOTAL PRESBYTERY MEMBERSHIP	198

Equalization of Rolls to take effect at the first presbytery meeting *following* the 844th Stated Meeting, which is scheduled for March 2, 2019.