

EQUALIZATION OF ROLLS
Effective March 2022 - January 2023
Submitted by the Connectional Presbyter & Stated Clerk
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On an annual basis, ordinarily in the first meeting of the calendar year, the Presbytery takes action to ensure as equal as possible representation of Ruling Elders and Teaching Elders as commissioners to assembly meetings of New Castle Presbytery. This action of equalization follows the guidelines laid out in the Book of Order and the Manual of the Presbytery.

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. The Presbytery's Manual directs us in this way:

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In the annual equalization of the rolls for purposes of determining Ruling Elder commissioners from constituent churches to meetings of the Presbytery, those churches that are considered racial/ethnic or have a racial/ethnic membership of 10% or more shall be granted one (1) commissioner in addition to the number normally allotted based on the membership of the church.

Given these two directions, the following is the proposed Equalization of Rolls effective at the next assembly meeting of the Presbytery. Churches who meet the criteria for an additional ruling elder according to the Presbytery's Manual are noted with an asterisk (*).

RULING ELDERS COMMISSIONERS BY POSITION IN PRESBYTERY:

POSITIONS	TOTALS
PJC Ruling Elders: Dave McBride John Balaguer Eloise Downing Charles Knox	4
Presbytery Officer Ruling Elders: Moderator Rourke Moore	1
Committee Chairs (including Covenantal Partnership Committee): Letha Hammon, Committee on Leadership David Wall, Committee on Representation and Nominations Julius Jackson, Covenantal Partnership Committee Paula Massie, Ignite Co-Chair	4
Trustees President	-
Commissioned Ruling Elders Serving Churches and in Presbytery Service: Tim Arnold Mark Douyard Mawuna Gardesey Anne Gunn <i>Rourke Moore (currently serving as an officer)</i> David Norton Richard Watters	6
TOTAL	15

BASIS OF ALLOCATION OF RULING ELDER COMMISSIONERS FROM CONGREGATIONS:

MEMBERSHIP	COMMISSIONERS
More than 500	4
300-500	3
100-300	2
Less than 100	1
New Worshipping Communities	1

Based on membership totals reported as part of the Annual Statistical Report by each congregation at the close of 2020, here is the ruling elder commissioner allocation for 2022:

CONGREGATIONS	MEMBERSHIP	COMMISSIONERS
Buckingham - Berlin	96	1
Calvary - Wilmington	77	1
Chestertown	256	2
Christiana	43	1
Church of the Covenant - Wilmington	67	1
Community - Wilmington*	137	3
Coolspring - Lewes	21	1
Concord - Wilmington	167	2
Dover*	220	3
Easton	130	2
Elkton	281	2
Elsmere	81	1
Faith Chapel - Berlin	17	1
First - Chesapeake City	20	1
First - Delaware City	40	1
First - Milford	63	1
First - Newark	290	2
First - Ocean City	62	1
First & Central - Wilmington*	165	3
Frankford	18	1
Georgetown*	114	3
Green Hill - Wilmington	81	1
Hanover Street - Wilmington*	172	3
Head of Christiana - Newark	64	1
Limestone - Wilmington	314	3
Lower Brandywine - Wilmington	219	2
Makemie Memorial - Snow Hill	49	1
Manokin - Princess Anne	29	1

CONGREGATIONS	MEMBERSHIP	COMMISSIONERS
New Castle	143	2
New Covenant - Middletown	65	2
Ocean View	88	1
Olivet - Newark*	25	2
Perryville	20	1
Pitts Creek - Pocomoke City	20	1
Port Deposit	5	1
Red Clay Creek - Wilmington	852	4
Rehoboth - Westover	58	1
Rehoboth of Midway - Rehoboth Beach	15	1
Rock - Elkton	27	1
St. Andrews - Newark*	99	2
Seaford*	53	2
Smyrna*	123	3
Trinity - Wilmington	329	3
West Nottingham - Colora	85	1
Westminster - Rehoboth Beach	113	2
Westminster - Wilmington	857	4
Wicomico - Salisbury*	171	3
TOTAL:	6441	83

NEW WORSHIPING COMMUNITIES	COMMISSIONERS
Church on Main - Middletown	1
Riverfront/505 - Wilmington	1
TOTAL:	2

CATEGORIES OF RULING ELDER COMMISSIONERS	TOTALS
Commissioners by virtue of current position in the Presbytery	14
Commissioners assigned to congregations by virtue of size and diversity	83
Commissioners assigned to New Worshiping Communities	2
TOTAL	99

TEACHING ELDER MEMBERS:

CATEGORIES OF TEACHING ELDER MEMBERS	TOTALS
Active Membership, All Categories	42
Honorably Retired	67
TOTAL	109
HONORABLY RETIRED TEACHING ELDER MEMBERS WHO ARE NOT RESIDENT/ACTIVE:	11
EXPECTED TEACHING ELDER MEMBER COMMISSIONERS	98

EQUALIZATION CALCULATION:

RULING ELDER COMMISSIONERS	99
TEACHING ELDER COMMISSIONERS	98
DIFFERENCE IN ALLOCATION	1