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Policy P5

Presbytery Ruling Elder Commissioners Eligibility for Representation

For Presbytery stated meetings, each church shall be represented by ruling elders as follows based on the latest statistical reports received from General Assembly:

Below 100	---	membership	---	1 ruling elder
100 - 199	---	membership	---	2 ruling elders
200 - 399	---	membership	---	3 ruling elders
400 - 999	---	membership	---	4 ruling elders
1000 and greater	---	membership	---	5 ruling elders

On an annual basis, Presbytery Leadership Team shall recommend to Presbytery the redress of any imbalance between teaching and ruling elders pursuant to the Book of Order, G-3.0301. The following formula shall be used to calculate the redress of imbalance:

1. Correct for imbalance on the basis of the count of resident members on the roll in all active capacities within the following membership categories: Validated within a Congregation, Validated outside a Congregation, Validated beyond the Jurisdiction, Member at Large and Honorably Retired, as recorded on December 1 of the year prior to current year eligibility is being established;
2. Determine the number of Ruling Elder Commissioners eligible to vote before determining whether an imbalance exists by including Ruling Elders constitutionally representing churches, Ruling Elders who are voting members of the Leadership Team, Ruling Elders who are chairpersons of standing commissions and committees, Commissioned Ruling Elders, and Certified Christian Educators with voice and vote, as recorded on December 1 of the year prior to current year eligibility is being established; and
3. That whenever the number of Teaching Elders calculated in 1 above and the number of Ruling Elder Commissioners calculated in 2 above have a difference less than 10% of the larger number, a balance is declared. If the difference is greater than 10% of the larger number, an imbalance is declared and is corrected as follows:
 - a. RE is greater than TE – no adjustment needed since RE members and membership groups are generally not going to change and this case will likely not occur.
 - b. TE is greater than RE – Add one more RE beginning with the highest membership classification and then to the next lowest membership classification until the difference is within the 10% limit.

Certified Approved
Stated Clerk
Presbytery Meeting April 24, 2021