

THE PRESBYTERY OF THE HIGHLANDS OF NJ
IMBALANCE CORRECTION FOR November 12, 2024
 Effective January 1, 2025

The Book of Order, G-3.0301, 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 Councils of the Church G-3.03 G-3.0301a–c Book of Order 2017/2019 51 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 recommended imbalance correction is based on the following information:

<u>Teaching Elder Members</u>	
Members as of 10/31/2023	138
Temporary Members	4
Non-resident Members	<29>

TOTAL RESIDENT TEACHING ELDERS **113**

Ruling Elder Commissioners

Administration and Coordinating Team Members

Sue Cail	
John Hellriegel	
Alec Jain	
David Peterson	
Richard Rubin	5

Committee/Team Chairs

John Crozier (COM)	
Donna Rahmann (CPM)	2

Past Presbytery Moderators not serving on ACT or a Committee Moderator

Matt Allen	
Paula Benson	
Wendy Doidge	
Alan Ford	
Lisa Gray	
Joe Martinoni	
Margaret Meyers	
Ken Nickel	
Mel Prestamo	
Michael Young	10

<i>Commissioned Ruling Elders</i>	
Stephanie Farley	1
<i>Certified Christian Educator</i>	0
<i>One Commissioner Elected by Each Church Session</i>	75
<i>Additional Elected Commissioners by Church Size & attendance</i>	20
TOTAL RULING ELDER COMMISSIONERS	113

Churches Entitled to Additional Ruling Elder Commissioners

<u>Church</u>	<u>Total Commissioners</u>
Basking Ridge	3
Chatham	3
Flemington	3
Morristown	3
Bound Brook	2
Flanders	2
Franklin	2
Frenchtown	2
Hackettstown	2
Madison	2
Oak Ridge	2
Ringwood	2
Rockaway	2
Sparta	2
Stewartsville	2
Succasunna	2

**Please note that the proposal to redress the imbalance is designed to get ruling elder commissioners to stated meetings. It is evaluated annually. Churches who routinely fail to send the additional commissioners that they are allotted under the proposal may not be granted additional commissioners when the imbalance proposal is re-evaluated next year.*