

**Churches Requested to Send an Additional Commissioner
Beginning 2021 Spring Stated Meeting (May 4, 2021)**

Motion by Stated Clerk

The Stated Clerk moves that the presbytery approve the list of churches asked to send one additional commissioner to each meeting for one year beginning with the 2021 Spring Stated Meeting that is scheduled to be held on May 4, 2021.

Beginning with the May 2021 meeting, the churches asked to send one additional commissioner will be: **Branford, Calvin, Community, and Countryside.**

As background, the Book of Order requires the presbytery to address annually any imbalance of teaching and ruling elder commissioners by asking churches to send additional ruling elders (see G-3.0301). Our Manual of Operations states, “If the number of resident active teaching elders exceeds the sum of the ruling elders eligible, the stated clerk shall put forward a motion asking particular congregations to elect an additional elder commissioner in such numbers as will equalize the eligible ruling elder commissioners with resident active teaching elder members.” The list is created by “rotating through the alphabetical list of congregations in the presbytery.”

Additional Information

Ruling Elders - 82

This number includes ruling elders eligible to be elected by each session, commissioned ruling elders (CREs), Certified Christian Educators (CCEs), and ruling elders who are members by office (for example, Coordinating Council members who are ruling elders are voting members).

Resident Active Teaching Elder Members - 86

This number includes non-retired teaching elder members as well as honorably retired members if those retired members actively serve churches or otherwise regularly attend presbytery meetings. At-large ministers living outside of our bounds and those who serve in validated ministries outside of our bounds have not been included if they did not attend a presbytery meeting in 2020 or 2019.

Note: In 2020, 2019 and 2018, the average ruling elder attendance has always exceeded the average teaching elder attendance.