

Appendix O

Churches Requested to Send an Additional Commissioner Beginning at the 2022 Spring Stated Meeting (May 3, 2022)

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 2022 Spring Stated Meeting that is scheduled to be held on May 3, 2022.

According to our Manual of Operations, a church with 1-500 members sends one commissioner to a presbytery meeting. A church with 500-1,000 sends two. We no longer have any churches with over 1,000 members.

Beginning with the May 2022 meeting, the churches asked to send one additional commissioner will be: Covenant, Crescent City, Dunnellon, Fairfield, Faith, Fernandina Beach First, Fort Caroline, Fort King, Gainesville First, Geneva, Grace, and Green Cove Springs First. For example, the Fort King church, which normally would send one commissioner to a presbytery meeting, would send two commissioners to the 2022 Spring Stated Meeting and for every meeting after that for one year. (A different list would be used for the 2023 Spring Stated Meeting forward.)

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 - 76

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 - 88

This number includes non-retired teaching elder members as well as honorably retired members actively serving churches or in validated ministries and those honorably retired members who almost always attend presbytery meetings. It does not include at-large members living outside our presbytery bounds or members serving in validated ministries outside our bounds.