

## **NCP POLICY ON RULING ELDER-COMMISSIONERS TO PRESBYTERY MEETINGS**

Each session in National Capital Presbytery will be permitted to send at least one ruling-elder commissioner to presbytery meetings. Because this will not accomplish the required parity between teaching elders resident within the bounds and ruling elder-commissioners, additional ruling elders are appointed, as follows:

First, sessions will be permitted to send ruling elder-commissioners to presbytery according to this formula related to members on the active roll on December 31 of the previous year:

- Up to 50 – No additional ruling elder-commissioners
- 51 to 400 – 1 additional ruling elder-commissioner
- 401 to 800 – 2 additional ruling elder-commissioners
- 801 to 1200 – 3 additional ruling elder-commissioners
- 1201 to 1600 – 4 additional ruling elder-commissioners
- 1601 to 2000 – 5 additional ruling elder-commissioners
- 2001 + -- 6 additional ruling elder-commissioners

Second, additional ruling elder-commissioners are appointed:

- Chairpersons or Co-chairpersons of Presbytery or Council committees
- Moderator and Vice-Moderator of Presbytery
- Elected Officers of Presbytery
- Exempt Staff
- Members of Leadership Council
- Certified Christian Educators or Certified Associate Christian Educators during their term of service to a congregation of the Presbytery
- Retired Certified Christian Educators or Certified Associate Christian Educators not currently serving a congregation who meet the following criteria
  - Have Christian Educator certification
  - Have been ordained as a ruling elder
  - Have a covenant with the session of a particular congregation, similar to that of a parish associate
  - Are willing to serve if nominated by Presbytery's Nominating Committee on a Presbytery Committee or on a Task Force (unless the Christian Educator has a medical condition preventing service)

Finally, the Stated Clerk will invite a sufficient number of sessions to elect one additional ruling elder-commissioner until mathematical parity is achieved. This will be done on a rotational basis managed by the Stated Clerk

The equalization process will be put into effect each year in time for sessions to elect the appropriate number of ruling elder commissioners to the May Stated Meeting of presbytery. The Stated Clerk will report the completion of the equalization process to the May Stated Meeting. Each year's equalization will be in effect from the May Stated Meeting to and including the following year's March Stated Meeting.

