

INTERIM STATED CLERK

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ACTION

Redress of Imbalance

As of May 1, the number of *resident* teaching elders (118) entitled to vote in the presbytery was more than the number of ruling elders (103) so entitled by the presbytery's bylaws: Commissioners (76), Officers/Council Members (8), Former Moderators (11), Committee Chairs (2), Moderator of Presbyterian Women of the Presbytery (1), and ruling elders commissioned to pastoral service (5). Consequently, there is an imbalance to redress.

In order to fulfill the principles of participation and representation found in F-1.0403 and G-3.0103, I recommend:

[MOTION] that the presbytery continue the practice of increasing racial ethnic diversity among the presbytery's voting members by requesting that the session of each congregation with a majority of racial ethnic members elect one additional ruling elder commissioner to attend presbytery meetings.

The congregations with a majority of racial ethnic members as defined by the General Assembly are Bond Hill, Carmel, Kennedy Heights, Korean, Third, West Cincinnati, and Winton Hills.

This would net seven additional ruling elders, bringing the count to 118 teaching elders/110 ruling elders.

In order to attain balance, I recommend:

[MOTION] that the presbytery request that the session of each congregation with more than 300 members elect ruling elder commissioners according to this formula:
301- 600 -- 2 ruling elders
601- 900 -- 3 ruling elders
901 and more -- 4 ruling elders

The presbytery has used this formula for the last four years and should consider adopting this formula as it revises its bylaws. For the remainder of 2018, it would net an additional eight (8) ruling elders as follows:

Crestview (396), Heritage (514), Indian Hill (391), Lakeside (475),
Madeira-Silverwood (454), Northminster (499), and Wyoming (475)
– 2 ruling elders each, for a net gain of 5 ruling elders;
Mt. Washington (794) – 3 ruling elders for a net gain of 1 ruling elder;
Knox (1145), Sycamore (1061) – 4 ruling elders each for a net gain of 2 ruling elders;
evening the count to 118 teaching elders / 118 ruling elders.

INFORMATION

Annual Statistical Report

A summary of session annual statistical reports for the year ending December 31, 2017 is attached to this report. 53 of the 74 congregations submitted an annual statistical report.