

Proposed Allocation of Ruling Elder Commissioners

August 2023 – May 2024

Voting Commissioners at meetings of Northeast Georgia Presbytery include all Minister Members plus: Ruling Elders serving the Presbytery in official capacities (Chairs of Ministry Teams or Commissions, Presbytery Officers, and Commissioned Ruling Elders to a Particular Service), and Ruling Elders elected by their sessions to serve as Commissioners.

The latest statistics available from the PC(USA) show a total of **122 Minister Members** in Northeast Georgia as of December 31, 2022. Therefore, in order to achieve parity between Minister Members and Ruling Elder Commissioners, the total number of Ruling Elder Commissioners must be at least **122**. There are currently 7 Ruling Elders serving in the categories identified in (1) above. Therefore the number of **Ruling Elder Commissioners representing congregations must be at least 115**.

The chart on the following page shows the number of Ruling Elder Commissioners (REC) to be elected by each congregation, based on the following criteria:

Every congregation is entitled to at least **one REC** (shown as the “Base”).

In keeping with the policies and historic practices of Northeast Georgia Presbytery, each predominantly racial/ethnic congregation is allocated **one additional REC**.

To assure proportional representation of all members, additional RECs are allocated to larger congregations in numbers based on the congregation’s membership. The chart displays congregations in order of size, with the largest receiving the most additional RECs:

500 members or more:	5 additional RECs
250-499 members:	4
200-249 members:	3
100-199 members:	2
45 – 99 members:	1

This brings the total number of Ruling Elder Commissioners (including those serving in official capacities) to **123**.

If this report is approved by the Presbytery, the chart on the following page will be in effect through the Spring (May) meeting in 2024, when an updated proposal will be presented.

Rev. Ed Rees

Stated Clerk

Church Name	2022 Membership	Threshold	Base	Racial - Ethnic	Membership Adj.	TOTAL
Athens First	968		1		5	6
Reid Memorial	708		1		5	6
Gainesville First	540	500	1		5	6
Madison	296		1		4	5
Oconee	251	250	1		4	5
Nacoochee	247		1		3	4
Covenant Athens	230		1		3	4
Monticello	215		1		3	4
Covenant Augusta	207		1		3	4
Rabun Gap	201	200	1		3	4
Milledgeville First	138		1		2	3
Cornelia First	136		1		2	3
Clarkesville First	130		1		2	3
Saint Andrew	116		1		2	3
Sardis	102		1	1	2	4
Cleveland First	100	100	1		2	3
Belle Terrace	96		1	1	1	3
Athens Korean	81		1	1	1	3
Friendship	81		1		1	2
Mount Hermon	62		1		1	2
Augusta Korean	60		1	1	1	3
Winder First	55		1		1	2
Greensboro First	49		1		1	2
Commerce	48		1		1	2
Jefferson	48		1		1	2
Clayton	46		1		1	2
Westside	45	45	1	1	1	3
Eatonton	41		1			1
Clifford Memorial	40		1			1
Helen	40		1			1
Westminster	40		1	1		2
Hartwell First	36		1			1
Bath	31		1			1
Dahlonega	31		1			1
Pleasant Hill	30		1			1
Mountain	29		1			1
Homer	26		1			1
Wiley	26		1			1
Christ	24		1	1		2
Lavonia	21		1			1
Timpson	21		1			1
New Hope	20		1			1
Union Point First	18		1			1
Calvary	17		1			1
Trinity	16		1			1
Hopewell	13		1			1
Hebron	12		1			1
Elberton First	11		1			1
Totals	5799		48	7	61	116

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Augusta Korean	60	3
Bath	31	1
Belle Terrace	96	3
Calvary	17	1
Christ	24	2
Clarkesville First	130	3
Clayton	46	2
Cleveland First	100	3
Clifford Memorial	40	1
Commerce	48	2
Cornelia First	136	3
Covenant Athens	230	4
Covenant Augusta	207	4
Dahlonega	31	1
Eatonton	41	1
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Lavonia	21	1
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Monticello	215	4
Mount Hermon	62	2
Mountain	29	1
Nacoochee	247	4
New Hope	20	1
Oconee	251	5
Pleasant Hill	30	1
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Reid Memorial	708	6
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