

Voting at Presbytery Meetings

The Book of Order addresses the potential for imbalance between ministers and elder commissioners in G-11.0101 b. “Presbyteries facing an imbalance due to a large number of resident honorably retired minister members may, by presbytery rule, use active participation of honorably retired members as a criterion in determining balance.” A formula based on average attendance of ministers and elder commissioners at presbytery meetings is used annually, in April, to assign additional elder commissioner slots to congregations – on a rotational basis – paying special attention to the concerns of G-9.0104.

In answer to some recent inquiries, **all active and honorably retired ministers who attend presbytery meetings have full voice and vote** at the meetings. In the past, honorably retired ministers have been asked whether they will be attending meetings; this is no longer the case.