

Presbytery of Greater Atlanta
Plan for Parity
Adopted by Presbytery on November 9, 2021

Per G-3.0301, “*A presbytery may enroll, or may provide by its own rule for the enrollment of ruling elders during terms of elected service to the presbytery or its congregations.*”

Therefore, the Presbytery of Greater Atlanta shall have the following guidelines in achieving parity between elders and ministers for presbytery:

1. Congregations by membership size, shall have the following allocation of elder commissioners:
 - a. Under 300 members: 1 commissioner
 - b. 301-750 members: 2 commissioners
 - c. 751-1500 members 3 commissioners
 - d. 1501-2000 members 4 commissioners
 - e. 2001-3000 members 5 commissioners
 - f. For each additional 1000 members, an additional commissioner shall be allocated
2. Valuing the voices of those churches in this presbytery that have a majority of racial ethnic members or are multi-cultural...one additional elder allocation shall be awarded.
3. Members of Council shall have the right of vote during their term of office.
4. All Certified Christian Educators who are ruling elders, shall have the right of voice and vote.
5. General Assembly Commissioners shall have the right of voice and vote from the start date of the Assembly until the next General Assembly convenes.
6. The Moderator-elect shall have the right of voice and vote.
7. The number of Honorably Retired ministers shall not be used in the count toward parity.
8. The balance of elders shall be made up with the following formula:

Churches with 100-300 members	1 additional elder
Churches with 301-1000 members	2 additional elders
Churches with 1001-2000 members	3 additional elders
Churches with 2001-3000 members	4 additional elders
Churches over 3001 members	5 additional elders