

AMENDMENTS TO PRESBYTERY MANUAL

New Form of Government

1. That presbytery authorize the Stated Clerk to make editorial changes to the manual to replace obsolete *Book of Order* references and terminology. (Examples: ruling elder; teaching elder; council instead of governing body; etc.)
2. That Presbytery amend Manual section 7.2.2 by substituting the following proposed text for the existing text *(all of these recommendations require a 2/3 vote of the members of presbytery present to be approved)*:

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<p>7.2.2. When Presbytery meets, each church shall be represented by an elder commissioned by the session with the following additional provisions:</p> <p>A. Churches with membership over 500 shall be represented as follows:</p> <table style="margin-left: 40px;"> <tr> <td>501-1000</td> <td>2 elders</td> </tr> <tr> <td>1001-1500</td> <td>3 elders</td> </tr> <tr> <td>1501-2000</td> <td>4 elders</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2000+</td> <td>5 elders (G 11.0101)</td> </tr> </table> <p>B. Each year the Stated Clerk is required to recommend to the Presbytery a way of balancing the representation of elders and ministers. The action of the Presbytery may give certain congregations an additional elder representative to Presbytery for that year.</p> <p>C. In response to G-11.0101b, Presbytery instructs the Stated Clerk before the end of each year to communicate with all resident honorably retired ministers allowing them to voluntarily register in writing as “inactive participants” for the purpose of determining balance of minister/elders for the next year. Such registration will also excuse them from attendance at presbytery meetings for the year.</p>	501-1000	2 elders	1001-1500	3 elders	1501-2000	4 elders	2000+	5 elders (G 11.0101)	<p>7.2.2. When Presbytery meets, each church shall be represented by a ruling elder commissioned by the session with the following additional provisions:</p> <p>A. Churches shall be represented as follows:</p> <table style="margin-left: 40px;"> <tr> <td>\$</td> <td>up to 400: 1 ruling elders</td> </tr> <tr> <td>\$</td> <td>401-800: 2 ruling elders</td> </tr> <tr> <td>\$</td> <td>801-1200: 3 ruling elders</td> </tr> <tr> <td>\$</td> <td>1201+: 4 ruling elders</td> </tr> </table> <p>B. Ruling Elders who serve in the following capacities shall be enrolled as members of presbytery for the term of their service:</p> <table style="margin-left: 40px;"> <tr> <td>\$</td> <td>moderator or vice moderator of presbytery</td> </tr> <tr> <td>\$</td> <td>chair or vice chair of council</td> </tr> <tr> <td>\$</td> <td>member of council</td> </tr> <tr> <td>\$</td> <td>chairperson or moderator of a committee or commission</td> </tr> <tr> <td>\$</td> <td>exempt employees of the Presbytery (on at least a half-time basis)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>\$</td> <td>Commissioned Ruling Elders providing particular pastoral services, as authorized by presbytery</td> </tr> <tr> <td>\$</td> <td>Certified Christian Educators who are serving in an educational ministry under the jurisdiction of the presbytery</td> </tr> </table> <p>Such service does not count towards the number of ruling elders a congregation is entitled to send.</p> <p>C. In response to G-3.0301, Presbytery instructs the Stated Clerk before the end of each year to communicate with all resident honorably retired ministers allowing them to voluntarily register in writing as “inactive participants” for the purpose of determining balance of minister/elders for the next year. Such registration will also excuse them from attendance at presbytery meetings for the year.</p> <p>D. Should the above not yield parity between ruling elders and teaching elders, each year the Stated Clerk shall recommend to the Presbytery an additional way of balancing representation. The action of the Presbytery may give certain congregations an additional elder representative to Presbytery for that year, drawing from the smaller membership churches on a rotational basis.</p>	\$	up to 400: 1 ruling elders	\$	401-800: 2 ruling elders	\$	801-1200: 3 ruling elders	\$	1201+: 4 ruling elders	\$	moderator or vice moderator of presbytery	\$	chair or vice chair of council	\$	member of council	\$	chairperson or moderator of a committee or commission	\$	exempt employees of the Presbytery (on at least a half-time basis)	\$	Commissioned Ruling Elders providing particular pastoral services, as authorized by presbytery	\$	Certified Christian Educators who are serving in an educational ministry under the jurisdiction of the presbytery
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3. That Presbytery amend Manual section 7.2.3 by substituting the following proposed text for the existing text:

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7.2.3. All Certified Christian Educators and other professionals who are employed by the Presbytery or by churches within the Presbytery on at least a half-time basis are invited to attend and have speaking privileges but without vote at meetings of Presbytery.	7.2.3. All Certified Christian Educators (who are not ruling elders; see 7.2.2 B, above) and other professionals employed by churches within the Presbytery on at least a half-time basis are invited to attend and have speaking privileges but without vote at meetings of Presbytery.

4. That Presbytery amend Manual section 7.1.4 by striking out the final sentence and inserting new text: “Notice of a special meeting shall be sent not less than fifteen (15) days in advance to each minister and to the session of every church. The notice shall set out the purpose of the meeting and no other business than that listed in the notice shall be transacted (G-3.0304).”

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7.1.4. Special Meetings: The moderator shall call a special meeting at the request of, or with the concurrence of, two ministers and two elders being of different churches. Should the moderator be unable to act, the stated clerk shall, under the same conditions, issue the call. If both moderator and stated clerk are unable to act, any three ministers and three elders, the elders being of different churches, may call a special meeting. The Synod may direct the Presbytery to convene a special meeting for the transaction of designated business. Notice of a special meeting shall be sent not less than ten (10) days in advance to each minister and to the session of every church. The notice shall set out the purpose of the meeting and no other business than that listed in the notice shall be transacted (G-11.0201).	7.1.4. Special Meetings: The moderator shall call a special meeting at the request of, or with the concurrence of, two ministers and two elders being of different churches. Should the moderator be unable to act, the stated clerk shall, under the same conditions, issue the call. If both moderator and stated clerk are unable to act, any three ministers and three elders, the elders being of different churches, may call a special meeting. The Synod may direct the Presbytery to convene a special meeting for the transaction of designated business. <i>Notice of a special meeting shall be sent not less than fifteen (15) days in advance to each minister and to the session of every church. The notice shall set out the purpose of the meeting and no other business than that listed in the notice shall be transacted (G-3.0304).</i>

5. That Presbytery amend Manual section 7.5.12 by substituting the following proposed text for the existing text:

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7.5.12. QUORUM: A quorum of the Presbytery shall be any three minister members and the elder members present, provided that at least three churches are represented by elders. The Presbytery may fix its own quorum at any higher number (G-11.0202).	7.5.12. QUORUM: A quorum of the Presbytery shall be any ten teaching elders and ten ruling elders from at least ten different churches and three mission communities. (G-3.0304).

6. That Presbytery amend Manual section 4.3.1 by substituting the following proposed text for the existing text:

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<p>4.3.1. Committee on Representation 4.3.1.1. Membership: Six persons, three women and three men, selected in accordance with (G 9.0105 and G 9.0106).</p>	<p>4.3.1. Committee on Representation 4.3.1.1. Membership: Four persons, two women and two men, at least one, but no more than two, teaching elders.</p>

7. That Presbytery amend Manual section 3.2.6.C by adding a new sentence: “Should both the Moderator and Vice Moderator be unable to serve, the immediate past moderator shall serve as moderator.”

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<p>C. Moderator - The Moderator shall be elected to serve a term of one full year. The Moderator will also serve as a member of Presbytery Council. The Vice-Moderator shall be elected to serve a term of one full year and shall preside in the absence of the Moderator.</p>	<p>C. Moderator – The Moderator shall be elected to serve a term of one full year. The Moderator will also serve as a member of Presbytery Council. The Vice-Moderator shall be elected to serve a term of one full year and shall preside in the absence of the Moderator. <i>Should both the Moderator and Vice Moderator be unable to serve, the immediate past moderator shall serve as moderator.</i></p>

8. That Presbytery amend Manual section 5.3.2.1 by striking out “to be elected for annually,” and amend Manual section 5.2.2 by inserting “elected for a three-year term” for both the Stated Clerk and Treasurer.

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<p>5.3.2.1. Purpose: The purpose of the position is to provide for a part-time Stated Clerk for the Presbytery of Shenandoah, to be elected annually. The Stated Clerk is a ¼-time position.</p>	<p>5.3.2.1. Purpose: The purpose of the position is to provide for a part-time Stated Clerk for the Presbytery of Shenandoah, to be elected for annually. The Stated Clerk is a ¼-time position.</p>
<p>5.2.2. Officers: A. Stated Clerk B. Treasurer</p>	<p>5.2.2. Officers: A. <i>Stated Clerk: elected for a three-year term.</i> B. <i>Treasurer: elected for a three-year term.</i></p>