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Stated Clerk
 Report to The Presbytery of Elizabeth
 May 26 MMIX

A. Motions for Presbytery

1. Presbytery Imbalance Proposal. G-11.0101b*

We have 103 resident ministers.

We have 49 churches with a total of 60 elders representing them. G-11.0101a

We allow 17 elders who are serving on Council or who have served as Moderator, for a current total of 77 possible presbyters.

The gap to be made up by adding elders is therefore 26.

Proposal: to redress the imbalance by asking the 26 churches in the presbytery directory beginning with Bethlehem through Dunellen to elect one additional elder commissioner for the year (June 2009-May 2010). Next year we will review the imbalance at that time and use the same approach, beginning with Edison Community. And so on from year to year.

The churches receiving additional representation beginning in June 2009 will be:
Bethlehem, Plainfield (Bethel), Plainfield (Crescent Ave.), Plainfield (United), Pluckemin, Rahway (First), Rahway (Second), Roselle, Willow Grove, Springfield, Central, Connecticut Farms, Townley, Trinity United, Westfield, Woodbridge, Avenel, Basking Ridge, Bedminster, Berkeley Heights, Bernardsville, Carteret, Clark, Clinton, Cranford, and Dunellen.

B. Actions taken by the Stated Clerk

C. Items for Information

*G-11.0101b

b. When the number of resident ministers entitled to vote in the presbytery is greater than the number of elders so entitled, it shall redress this imbalance annually by providing for the election, appointment, or selection of additional elders, paying special attention to the concerns of G-9.0104. 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.