



The Presbytery of Nevada

Synod of the Pacific Presbyterian Church (USA)

January 2024

Greetings!

This parity report tells churches the number of elder commissioners their church may send to Presbytery in 2024 to balance the number of minister members. The number is determined by the

- Number of minister members of the Presbytery (Ministers of the Word and Sacrament)
- Number of churches in the Presbytery and their membership
- Number of ruling elders serving as officers and committee chairs of the Presbytery
- Number of Commissioned Ruling Elders
- Principles of participation and representation of the PC(USA)

We have 45 minister members and 13 Ruling Elders who are members by their office.

- 8 Commissioned Ruling Elders (Commissioned Pastors)
Garth Butz, Chris Kirschman, Gary Koon, Jennifer Koopman, Brandolyn Thran, Vicki Wilson, Elaine York, Linda Young
- 1 Ruling Elder elected as an officer of the Presbytery.
Ruling Elder Peggy Hall
- 2 Ruling Elders who serve as Committee Chairs
Ron Scoville, Equipping; Jean Rey, Representation & Personnel
- 2 Ruling Elder Commissioners not already members of Presbytery
Denis Bunce, General Assembly; Joe Commerford, Synod

This leaves us with 32 elder commissioners for our 21 churches. Church names in **bold letters** are those whose elder commissioner *number has changed from 2023*.

One elder commissioner

Bishop, Valley	Las Vegas, Westminster	Truckee, Truckee Luth
Elko, First	Lee Vining, Community	Virginia City, First
Gardnerville, Christ	LV, Taiwanese American	Wells, Wells
Hawthorne, Community	Mesquite, Valley	
Lamoille, Community	Sparks, Spanish Spring	

Two elder commissioners

Henderson, Henderson United	Sparks, Korean PC Reno
Las Vegas, First Thai-Laotian	S. Lk Tahoe, LTCPC
Reno, St Johns	

Three elder commissioners:

Henderson, Green Valley	Las Vegas, Grace	Las Vegas, Mt View
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The increase in the number of Commissioned Ruling Elders and the decrease in the number of Ministers of the Word and Sacrament leading churches is reducing the number of ruling elders needed for parity in Presbytery.

Thanks to all for your service to your churches and the Presbytery,

Seeking to put myself in others' place, before putting others in their place.

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Rev. Mr. J. Christy Ramsey (he/him/his)
Stated Clerk/General Presbyter, Presbytery of Nevada

From Presbytery By-Laws

The following groups are considered ministers by the Presbytery and shall be members of the presbytery with voice and vote: Teaching Elders, Honorably Retired Teaching Elders, those in Validated Ministries, Teaching Elders at Large, and Commissioned Ruling Elders. (CRE).1.0000

Ruling Elders elected as Moderator, Vice-Moderator, Committee Chairs, and Ruling Elder Commissioners shall be enrolled for their terms of office whether or not commissioned by their Sessions.1.1000

Ordinarily, during the first week of January, the Stated Clerk shall inform the Clerks of Session the number of Ruling Elder Commissioners they are entitled to have enrolled in Presbytery. This number shall be based on the number of Teaching Elders versus Ruling Elder Commissioners, with the imbalance being redressed by the Stated Clerk. 1.2000

From the PCUSA Book of Order

G-3.0301 Composition and Responsibilities

The presbytery is the council serving as a corporate expression of the church within a certain district and is composed of all the congregations and ministers of the Word and Sacrament within that district. The presbytery shall adopt and communicate to the sessions a plan for determining how many ruling elders each session should elect as commissioners to presbytery, with a goal of numerical parity of ministers of the Word and Sacrament and ruling elders. This plan shall require each session to elect at least one commissioner and shall take into consideration the size of congregations as well as a method to fulfill the principles of participation and representation found in F-1.0403 and G-3.0103. Ruling elders elected as officers of the presbytery shall be enrolled as members during the period of their service. 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.