

It has been proposed that
WE REDUCE OUR PRESBYTERIES
from 8 to 4

Synod has referred this "proposal to
change boundaries" to the presbyteries,
for study and action

THIS MAP SHOWS CLEARLY THE (PROPOSED)
NEW BOUNDARIES, AND THEIR ADVANTAGES

WHY was this proposal made?

Because of a consensus of opinion that it
was necessary. "We recognize the need
for regrouping certain presbyteries
and synods ... in order to make more
fruitful the work of the church"
(From the Journal of the General Assem-
bly, 1956, p.91, para.5)

Because our union with the United Presby-
terian Church of N. A. changed the
overall picture.

Because serious boundary problems now exist
in at least four New Jersey presbyteries.
Because of increasing sociological pressures;
Population explosion demands increased
presbytery resources in committee and
executive leadership, and in finances.
Community changes load up pastors yet
demand more presbytery service. Each
presbytery should have its own associ-
ate executive without unduly increasing
costs.

WHERE were the new boundaries drawn?

They were drawn through sparsely settled
areas, where possible.

They were drawn so as to combine weak and
strong churches.

They were drawn to combine various types
of communities.

They were drawn to provide presbytery
strength without destroying fellowship!

HOW can this new proposal become a fact?

First, each presbytery should approve the
changes in its own boundaries.
Then, the Synod of New Jersey must approve
the total "agreed upon" changes.
Finally, the General Assembly must approve.

