

LESSON 19: THE CHURCH – GOVERNMENT (1)

Local Church Government

Local church government can come in _____:

Most Reformed Churches practice _____

Some tend towards _____, others to _____

Canadian Reformed Churches are “_____”.

Belgic Confession articles 30-32

1. A distinction is sometimes made between “office” and “ministry”. Not all who have a ministry in the church, have an office. Think, for example, of the organist or the janitor. The distinction being made is: those who hold office have authority, those who have a ministry simply execute a task. Is this approach Scriptural?

_____ because _____

2. How does God call someone to office?

3. Name some examples of “human inventions and laws” in churches (not necessarily our own) which “bind and compel the consciences”.

4. How is the relationship between the eldership and the congregation to be described? Does the congregation have authority over the eldership?
