# Lesson 19: The Church - Government

## Memory work

### Q. How must the true church be governed?

*According the Spiritual order which our Lord has taught us in His Word.*

## Q. Which are the officers of the church and what do they do?

*The ministers, to preach the Gospel and administer the sacraments and serve as elders.*

*The elders, to guard the teachings of the church and the walk of life of the members.*

*The deacons, to ensure the needy are helped.*

## Homework

Look up the Church Order of the Canadian Reformed Churches in the back of a Book of Praise or via [www.canrc.org](http://www.canrc.org) or [www.officebearers.com](http://www.officebearers.com).

1.(2) Article 1: Which four sections are there to the Church Order (hint: watch the semi-colons).

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2.(2) Article 3: who are eligible for office?

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3.(1) Article 9: Is a minister free to serve in whatever church he likes? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

4.(1) The subject matter of Article 19 is one of the main issues in our discussions with a view to joining with the United Reformed Churches. What does article 19 require the churches to have?

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5.(1) Article 24: How long are elders and deacons to serve for, normally speaking? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

6.(1) May they serve for a longer period of time? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Who decides on this? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

7.(2) Research question: what is the difference between *ordination* and *installation*? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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