

LESSON 19: THE CHURCH - GOVERNMENT

Memory work

Q. How must the true church be governed?

According to 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 or www.officebearers.com.

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

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

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?

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*? _____
