# Lesson 20: The Church – Government (2)

## Memory Work

## What three offices serve with authority in a Canadian Reformed Church?

*Ministers, elders, and deacons.*

***What is a consistory?***

*A meeting of the ministers and elders*

***What is a meeting of elders and deacons together called?***

*Council*

## Homework

Use the Church Order of the Canadian Reformed Churches in the back of a *Book of Praise* or online at [www.canrc.org](http://www.canrc.org) or [www.officebearers.com](http://www.officebearers.com) to answer the following questions.

1.(1) When Rev. Janssen came from The Netherlands to become minister of the Abbotsford Canadian Reformed Church he underwent a type of examination. What is this examination called? See CO art. 5.

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2.(2) A mechanic can decide to become, say, a high school teacher. Can a minister decide to stop being a minister and become, say, a farmer? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Which Church Order article addresses this issue? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

What might an exceptional and substantial reason be (you won’t find this in the Church Order; imagine one yourself?

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3.(1) Why are some people, who are not ministers, allowed to speak an edifying word?

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4.(1) Which hymns are allowed to be sung during an official worship service? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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5.(1) What does article 58 require the consistory to do?

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6.(1) What is the minimum number of times the Lord’s Supper has to be celebrated? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

7.(2) Look up article 62 of the Church Order. When it comes to attestations, those for communicant members are given to the member, those for non-communicant members are sent to the new church.

Why do you think this difference exists? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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8.(1) Look up article 76. Who may make changes to the Church Order? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_