

## LESSON 21: THE CHURCH – GOVERNMENT (3)

### *Regional church structure*

Every local church \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_ meet in a \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_ meet in a \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_ meet in a \_\_\_\_\_

And federations of churches meet \_\_\_\_\_ in  
 a \_\_\_\_\_ called the \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

### *The Willoughby Heights Canadian Reformed Church*

The Willoughby Heights Canadian Reformed Church

- belongs to \_\_\_\_\_

with: Cloverdale, Houston, Langley, Langley-Refuge, Smithers, & Surrey-Maranatha

- which belongs to \_\_\_\_\_

with: Classis Pacific-East, Classis Alberta, and Classis Manitoba

- which belongs to the general synod of the \_\_\_\_\_

With: Regional Synod East

### *Broader Assemblies*

\_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

At a classis, all churches are equal.

At a regional synod, all churches are equal.

At a general synod, all churches are equal.

At a CanRC broader assembly, the members speak and vote according to \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_.

Thus the members of a broader assembly are \_\_\_\_\_ of their churches or classes.

In many other churches, like the United Reformed Churches and Orthodox Presbyterian Church it works a little differently

### *Acts 10 & 11, Acts 15*

1. Acts 10:23: Who went with Peter when he went to the Italian Cornelius? \_\_\_\_\_  
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2. Acts 10:45: Who were amazed at the fact that the Holy Spirit had been given to uncircumcised Gentiles? \_\_\_\_\_

3. What does the fact that the Apostle Peter asked the question of verse 47 tell us about Peter's authority? \_\_\_\_\_
4. Acts 11:1-3: Who was critical of what Peter had done in Caesarea? \_\_\_\_\_
5. Acts 11:4ff. What can we learn from the fact that Peter goes through the trouble of explaining himself? \_\_\_\_\_
6. Acts 11:12. Who does Peter appeal to as witnesses during his defense? \_\_\_\_\_
7. Acts 11:18: What was the response to Peter's defense? \_\_\_\_\_
8. Acts 15:2-3: Who would have appointed some men to go to Jerusalem? \_\_\_\_\_
9. Acts 15:6: Who came together to consider the question of the necessity of circumcision? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
10. Acts 15:14. James, a brother of the Lord Jesus, makes reference to a certain event to decide the question. What did he refer to? \_\_\_\_\_
11. Acts 15:15-17: What else did James refer to? \_\_\_\_\_
12. Acts 15:22: What does the action undertaken by people described in this verse tell us about how churches should relate to each other? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
13. Conclusion: Can ministers and churches go it alone in their work in God's Kingdom? \_\_\_\_\_

### ***Main Tasks***

A classis:

- \_\_\_\_\_ local churches and \_\_\_\_\_
- serve as \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_ ministers-to-be

A regional synod:

- serves as \_\_\_\_\_
- assists classes in matters \_\_\_\_\_

A general synod:

- serves as \_\_\_\_\_
- deals with issues pertaining to \_\_\_\_\_
  - \_\_\_\_\_ (e.g. women voting)
  - \_\_\_\_\_ (e.g. Book of Praise)
  - \_\_\_\_\_ (e.g. Church Order)
- deals with relationships with \_\_\_\_\_
- deals with things \_\_\_\_\_ (e.g. Seminary)