

LESSON 21: THE CHURCH – GOVERNMENT (3)

Memory Work

Q. What are the broader assemblies known as?

The classis, the regional synod, and the general synod.

Q. What do these assemblies do?

They deal with appeals from within the churches and further only those matters the churches have decided to entrust to them.

Q. How often do these assemblies meet?

As a rule, the classis 4x per year, the regional synod 1x per year, and the general synod 1x per 3 years.

Homework

Use the Church Order of the Canadian Reformed Churches in the back of a *Book of Praise* or online at www.canrc.org to answer the following questions.

1. Article 45: What churches receive a counsellor from the classis? _____

2. Article 46: Describe briefly what ‘church visitors’ do.

3. Article 47. Regional Synod West consists of four classes. How many people would there be at a regional synod West? _____

4. Article 48: What do Deputies of Regional Synod do? _____

5. Article 50. On what kind of points are churches abroad (i.e. churches that are not Canadian Reformed) not to be rejected? _____

6. Article 51: When churches cooperate in mission what are to observe as much as possible?

7. When and where was the last general synod of the Canadian Reformed Churches (explore www.canrc.org to find the answer)? _____

When and where will the next one be? _____