

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 or 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.

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?)

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

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

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

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? _____

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