

LESSON 22: THE CHURCH – GOVERNMENT (4)

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

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- 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? _____

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)