

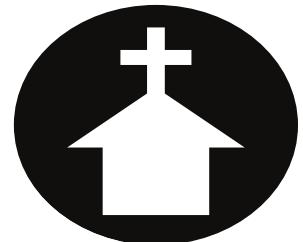


The Church

Ownership



Commitment
Authority
Responsibility



Church Polity

Elder-Led Congregationalism



Key Point

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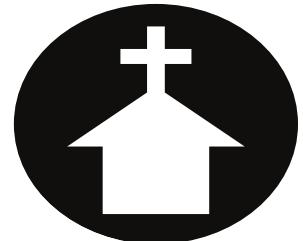
Congregationalism

The local church congregation has the final responsibility and authority to govern itself.



Key Application

Meaningful Church Membership

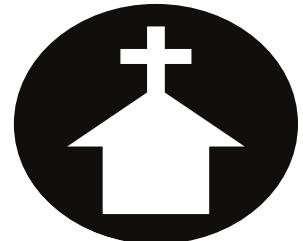


Four Models of Church Polity



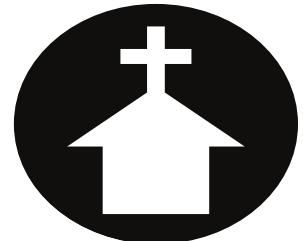
Four Models

1. Episcopalian
2. Presbyterian
3. Elder-Ruled
4. Congregational



Our Church Polity

1. Christ-Ruled
2. Congregation-Commissioned
(Governed)
3. Deacon-Served
4. Elder-Led



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Arguments for Elder- Led Congregationalism



1

Biblical



Church Discipline & Appointments



Church Discipline & Keys of the Kingdom (Matt 18:15-20)

Pew Bible: 823



Church Discipline in Corinth (1 Cor 5:9-13)

Pew Bible: 954



More Church Discipline in Corinth (2 Cor 2:6)

Pew Bible: 964



The Appointment of Servants (Acts 6:1-6)

Pew Bible: 914



The Appointment of Barnabas and Saul (Acts 13:1-3)

Pew Bible: 921



The Jerusalem Council

(Acts 15:22)

Pew Bible: 924



The Discipline of an Elder

(1 Tim 5:19-20)

Pew Bible: 993



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Historical



The Growth of the Church



Appointing Elders

(Act 14:23)

Pew Bible: 923



Elders

(Titus 1:5,7)

Pew Bible: 998



Elders & Deacons

(1 Timothy 3:1-13)

Pew Bible: 992



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Theological



Priesthood of the Believer



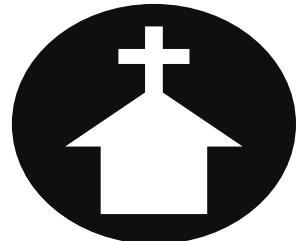
1 Pet 2:4-5,9

Pew Bible: 1015



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