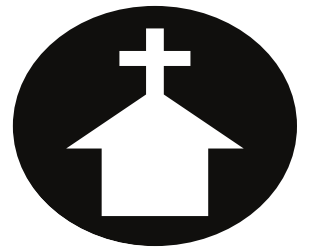




The Church

Ownership



Commitment
Authority
Responsibility



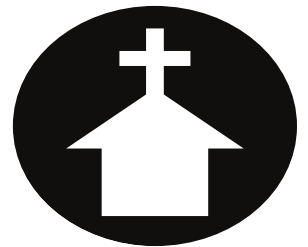
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Elder-Led Congregationalism



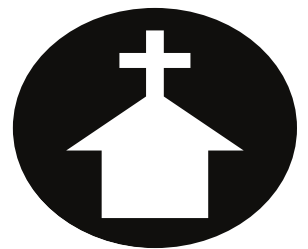
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Congregationalism

The local church
congregation has the
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itself.



Key Application

Meaningful Church Membership



Four Models of Church Polity



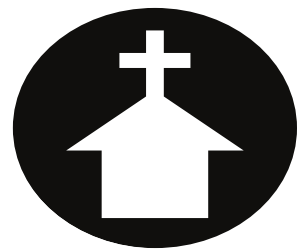
Four Models

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

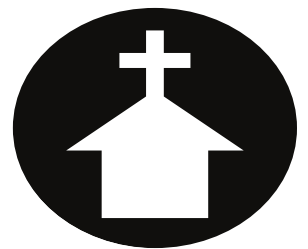


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Arguments for Elder- Led Congregationalism



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)



The Jerusalem Council

(Acts 15:22)



The Discipline of an Elder

(1 Tim 5:19-20)



2

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



3

Theological



Priesthood of the Believer



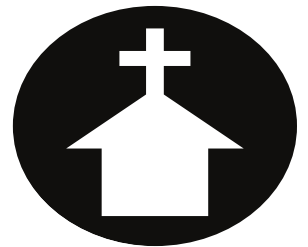
1 Pet 2:4-5,9

Pew Bible: 1015



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