

ORGANIZATION OF LOCAL CHURCH

"Each part is a member of the Whole" I Corinthians 12 20-21 verse.

The Official Board of the Church shall be composed of Class Leaders, Exhorters, Deconesses, Stewards, Trustees, Stewardesses, Presidents of the laymen's organization, and all auxiliaries of the Church. The Pastor is its Chairman ex-officio. Local Ministers are regarded as honorary members and shall attend its regular sessions. The Board shall elect a Secretary and Treasurer and meet monthly. The Secretary shall keep accurate account of proceedings, and the Treasurer shall hold all monies obtained under auspices of Stewards and disperse same on order of the Board. It shall devise ways and means to pay the Pastor and Presiding Elder.

Though separate, all Boards, Classes and Auxiliaries are related by fellowship activity, worship and service in the Church.

Christianity represents life, which is the "Spirit of God." The body of the church is: lively organized christians working for Jesus Christ The Head of the Church, under the leadership of the pastor, who is the official head of all organizations.

- I. Stewardesses are sisters in the church who are nominated by the Pastor and elected by the stewards. Each board consists of not less than three or more than nine (9) members to assist the stewards in discharging their duties.

There shall be an elected Junior Board of Stewardesses who will operate under the direction of the pastor and the Sr. Board of Stewardesses after a training course. All are members of the Official Board and Quarterly Conference.

Their duties are to prepare for the communion, dress the pulpit and altar, provide small guest towels, prepare baptismal fount and drape pulpit in black at death of Bishop, Presiding Elder, or Pastor. Drapes are left on for thirty (30) days.

2. Class Leaders (Exhorters) are annually appointed by the Minister for a term of one (1) year and reappointed as long as conduct is satisfactory. They are examined quarterly by the Minister and the Presiding Elder. Visiting homes, having weekly class meetings to keep abreast of rules and regulations, and watching over probationary members are part of their duties. Any dues collected shall be turned over to the Stewards.
3. Sunday School shall be headed by a Superintendent, Assistant Superintendent, Superintendent of Home Department, Superintendent of Cradle Roll, Secretary, Assistant Secretary, Treasurer, Librarian, Chorister, and any other offices needed for efficient conducting of Sunday School. These officers shall be nominated by the Sunday School Board. Meetings shall be held monthly to conduct business according to discipline. The Pastor will call weekly teacher's meetings.

4. Deaconesses Board is an optional board organized by the Pastor if needed, or widows and unmarried women of good repute. They shall be consecrated by the Bishop of the district and encourage and improve relations with the general public. In other words they are our public relations people.
5. Licensed Missionary Worker - Any woman with good moral and religious character desiring a license for missionary work shall be commended from her class to Quarterly Conference, where upon passing an examination can be granted a Missionary certificate to teach, exhort or lecture on educational, missionary, or religious subjects as the occasion may require.
6. Most of the above holds true for Evangelists.

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