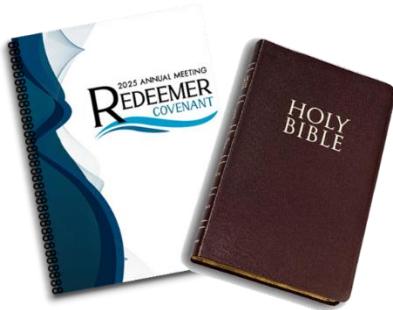


Congregational Meetings From a Biblical Perspective

God Has Always Worked Through His _____ People

Moses summoned all Israel and said: Hear, O Israel, the decrees and laws I declare in your hearing today. Learn them and be sure to follow them. — *Deuteronomy 5:1*



The Church is a Body, not a _____

The body is a unit, though it is made up of many parts; and though all its parts are many, they form one body. So it is with Christ. — *1 Corinthians 12:12*

The Church is a _____, not a Spectators' Gallery

The Church is Built Up by _____ Member

As a prisoner for the Lord, then, I urge you to live a life worthy of the calling you have received...It was he who gave some to be apostles, some to be prophets, some to be evangelists, and some to be pastors and teachers, to prepare God's people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up...From him the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work. — *Ephesians 4:1,12,16*

Congregational Meetings Are a Biblical Means of _____

In those days when the number of disciples was increasing, the Grecian Jews among them complained against the Hebraic Jews because their widows were being overlooked in the daily distribution of food. So the Twelve gathered all the disciples together and said, "It would not be right for us to neglect the ministry of the word of God in order to wait on tables. Brothers, choose seven men from among you who are known to be full of the Spirit and wisdom. We will turn this responsibility over to them and will give our attention to prayer and the ministry of the word." This proposal pleased the whole group. They chose Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit; also Philip, Procorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas, and Nicolas from Antioch, a convert to Judaism. They presented these men to the apostles, who prayed and laid their hands on them. — *Acts 6:1-6*

Congregational Discernment Protects the _____

The apostles and elders met to consider this question. — *Acts 15:6*

Then the apostles and elders, with the whole church, decided to choose some of their own men and send them to Antioch with Paul and Barnabas... — *Acts 15:22a*

The Church Is a Body, Not an _____

Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it. — *1 Corinthians 12:27*

The eye cannot say to the hand, "I don't need you!" And the head cannot say to the feet, "I don't need you!" — *1 Corinthians 12:21*

Congregational Meetings Are Worshipful _____

For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. — *Matthew 6:21*

But everything should be done in a fitting and orderly way. — *1 Corinthians 14:40*

Now it is required that those who have been given a trust must prove faithful. — *1 Corinthians 4:2*

Stewardship of God's _____

Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God's grace in its various forms. — *1 Peter 4:10*

Unity Is Formed Through Truthful, Loving _____

Instead, speaking the truth in love, we will in all things grow up into him who is the Head, that is, Christ. — *Ephesians 4:15*

The _____ We Bring to a Congregational Meeting

Humility and _____

Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love. — *Ephesians 4:2*

Eager to Maintain _____

Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace. — *Ephesians 4:3*

_____ to Christ's Headship

And he is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning and the firstborn from among the dead, so that in everything he might have the supremacy. — *Colossians 1:18*

Practical _____ for Today's Meeting

(Love) always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. — *1 Corinthians 13:7*

In our meeting, we Are Remembering God's _____

Christ Is _____ When His Church Gathers

For where two or three come together in my name, there am I with them." — *Matthew 18:20*

Our Annual Meeting is A _____ Act of Faithfulness

And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds.

Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

— *Hebrews 10:24–25*