

# THE HANDSHAKE

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## HOW WELL DO YOU KNOW YOUR CHURCH

The following articles are taken from the 1962 Manual of the United Church of Canada:

### DOCTRINE

**ARTICLE XVIII. Of Church Order and Fellowship.** We believe that the Supreme and only Head of the Church is the Lord Jesus Christ; that its worship, teaching, discipline and government should be administered according to His will by persons chosen for their fitness and duly set apart to their office; and that although the visible Church may contain unworthy members and is liable to err, yet believers ought not lightly to separate themselves from its communion, but are to live in fellowship with their brethren, which fellowship is to be extended, as God gives opportunity, to all who in every place call upon the name of the Lord Jesus.

**ARTICLE XIX. Of the Resurrection, the Last Judgment and the Future Life.** We believe that there shall be a resurrection of the dead, both of the just and of the unjust, through the power of the Son of God, who shall come to judge the living, and the dead; that the finally impenitent shall go away into eternal punishment and the righteous into life eternal.

**ARTICLE XX. Of Christian Service and the Final Triumph.** We believe that it is our duty as disciples and servants of Christ, to further the extension of His Kingdom, to do good unto all men, to maintain the public and private worship of God, to hallow the Lord's Day, to preserve the inviolability of marriage and the sanctity of the family, to uphold the just authority of the State, and so to live in all honesty, purity and charity, that our lives shall testify of Christ. We joyfully receive the word of Christ, bidding His people go into all the world and make disciples of all nations, declaring unto them that God was in Christ reconciling the world unto Himself, and that He will have all men to be saved, and come to the knowledge of the truth. We confidently believe that by His power and grace all His enemies shall finally be overcome, and the kingdoms of this world be made the Kingdom of our God and of His Christ.

## CHURCH MEMBERSHIP

(a) The members of the Church entitled to all church privileges are those who, on a profession of their faith in Jesus Christ and obedience to Him, have been received into full membership. The children of such persons and all baptized children are members of the Church, and it is their duty and privilege, when they reach the age of discretion, to enter into full membership. Admission to full membership, and granting of certificates of removal shall be by the action of the Session, and by the action of those in full membership where desired by the Pastoral Charge.

(b) The Minister or Ministers in charge of a Congregation are not members of such Congregation.

(c) A Minister, whose name is on the roll of Presbytery shall have the right to have his name placed on the roll of a Congregation by submitting his request in writing to the Clerk of Session, and shall enjoy all the rights and privileges of a member of that Congregation. In matters of discipline he is under the oversight and jurisdiction of Presbytery.

## CHURCH ELDERS

93. The Session, after conferring with the members of Session elect, shall arrange for their admission to office at a service of public worship when the Minister, by prayer and appropriate ceremony, shall so admit them. The right hand of fellowship shall then be extended to them by the members of Session and their names added to the roll of Session. In forming new Sessions this service shall be arranged by the Minister.

94. A member of Session may resign the office, either on personal motion, or when requested to do so by the Pastoral Charge or Congregation; or, may be removed by the order of the Presbytery when the interests of the Pastoral Charge or Congregation are deemed to require it; or may be deposed by process of discipline. If any member of Session has been absent from its meetings for a year without adequate cause, the Session, after giving due notice, may find that such person has ceased to be a member of Session.

95. Each member of Session should have a district assigned to him. He should keep a list of the communicants and adherents residing within the same and cultivate special acquaintance with them, visiting, counselling, and encouraging as may be required.

## COMMITTEE OF UNITED CHURCH MEN

474. There shall be a Committee in each Pastoral Charge to be known as the Committee of United Church Men.

1. Its membership shall comprise:

(a) A Chairman appointed by the Official Board who shall be the representative of the Pastoral Charge to Presbytery United Church Men;

(b) One representative appointed by the Men's Club or Men's Association where such exists;

(c) In multi-point Charges, one representative appointed by each Congregation on the Pastoral Charge, or in a Charge comprising one Congregation a representative appointed by one or more of the following organizations:

i. The Session,

ii. The Committee of Stewards,

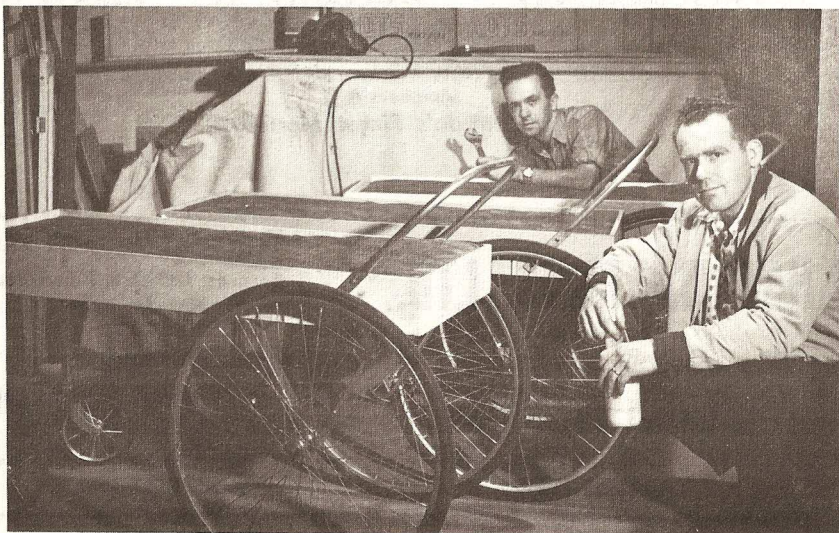
iii. The Missionary and Maintenance Committee,

iv. The Christian Education Committee.

(d) Additional members as may be desired.

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