

Grace – A Church of the Living God

1 Timothy 3:14-16

1. Introduction – What do you say ‘Church’ is?

2. The Church, according to Paul

a. God’s family

b. Assembly of the living God

c. Pillar and Foundation of the Truth

3. How the Church should behave

4. What the Church should proclaim

5. Conclusion – Are we the Church?

Summary – Different people have different ideas of what ‘Church’ is. But what does God say His Church is? And how does he want his Church to live and what does he want his Church to say about His Son, Jesus Christ? How well are we doing as God’s Church?

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THE CONSTITUTION OF THE BIBLE-PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

笃信圣经长老会章程

FORM OF GOVERNMENT OF THE BIBLE-PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH 笃信圣经长老会的治理方式

Chapter 12 Of Electing and Ordaining Ruling Elders and Deacons 第 12 章 - 长老和执事的选举和按立

Questions for Honorary Pastor, Elders and Deacons:

问义务牧师、长老和执事的问题：

1. Do you believe the Scriptures of the Old and New Testament to be the Word of God, the only infallible rule of faith and practice?
你是否相信旧约和新约圣经是上帝的话语，是信仰和实践唯一绝对无误的规条？
2. Do you sincerely receive and adopt the Confession of Faith and Catechism of this Church, as containing the system of doctrine taught in the Holy Scriptures?
你是否由衷地接受并采用公认信条和本教会的要理问答做为包含圣经所教导的教义系统？
3. Do you accept the office of honorary pastor, ruling elder, and deacon in this congregation, and promise faithfully to perform all the duties thereof?
你是否接受担当这教会的义务牧师、执行长老和执事的职分，并承诺忠实地负起所有相关的任务？
4. Do you promise to study the purity, peace and unity of the church?
你是否承诺要研读并维护教会的圣洁、和谐及团结？

Question to Members:

问会友的问题：

1. Do you, the members of this church, acknowledge and receive these brothers as honorary pastor, ruling elders or deacons, and do you promise to yield to them all that honour, encouragement and obedience in the Lord, to which their office, according to the Word of God, and the Constitution of this Church, entitles them?
身为这教会的会友，你们是否承认并接受这些弟兄为义务牧师、执行长老或执事，并是否承诺根据上帝的话语和教会的章程，给予他们在主里应得的尊荣、鼓励及顺服？