

churches, why not just have the people pick their preachers. And here is a church and let the people pick the preacher, anybody they want, to be their preacher, and that is that. Why not do that. Have a strictly congregational or, but there are very few churches today that have a strictly congregational type of govt. in this regard. I mean a strictly congregational system would be one in which anybody at all that the congregation wanted they ~~put~~ put in the ~~position~~ position, and there maybe a few churches that do that, but they are few. Nearly all of them would call in a group of other men ~~...~~ (end of record)

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(question) Once you say you are going to pick among ordained ministers, you are saying that you are ..... I am thinking of the man who is going to preach. But a strictly congregational type, a church, say there is 100 members in the church, they say Henry over here has given us some nice messages, let's take him. Or they will say, we like ~~George~~ George better, you see. Or if they called in somebody in from the outside, if they called anybody from the outside. I mean, once they say that they are going to have a man ~~...~~ who is ordained, and the ordination is determined by a group of ministers, rather than ~~...~~ by the congregation as a whole, they are limiting their choice a little bit. They are limiting this a little ~~...~~ bit. So that the congregational system is the system where all the decisions are made by the rank and file of the people. The hierarchical situation, the ~~...~~ decisions is made by the one ~~...~~ individual who is ~~...~~ over all churches. And he decides who is to go here and there. Well, now, those are the two extremes. Well, now the congregational system has , now in between the two there is the Presbyterian system. And the Pres. system is a system in which the selection of the particular pastor is made by the congregation. But the selection must be ~~...~~ made from among men whom the presbytery has set apart and ordained to be preachers. Or else the man whom the congregation selects, before he is installed, must be adjudged by the presbytery to be worthy of being set over the congregation. In fact, in the Pres. system, the presbytery comes in and holds a service at which they install a man over the congregation. The congregation votes, ~~...~~ but the