

Bible Presbyterian Church, it is written in there, and it is established there, unameddable. ~~That~~ And it is stated two or three places. That no amendment can ever be made to this section, that the property of the individual church belongs to the ^{individual} ~~individuals~~ congregation. This is to insure that the people who give the money and build the church, can keep that church. And that it cannot be taken away from them, byt another group.

(question) That is a problem, when property is c~~o~~ncerned the court will decide in the end, anyway. But in certain denominations, it is so arranged that the property belongs to the national body. And the courts, in such cases, rules that the national body decides. I know the church of ;the Brethren, over here in Lewistown , Pa., the minister preached against the National Council, then called the Federal Council of Churches. He ¹/₂preached a series of ~~x~~ sermons against it. And the national leadership of the church of the Brethren instituted suit to take the property away from his congregation. Because, they said, preaching against the Federal Council was a trend contrary to the doctrines of the Church of the Brethren. And therefore, that the ~~perxx~~ property should be taken away from them. Well, that attitude is rather an extreme situation. But the courts don't like to enter into a situation like that. They want the laws of the individual denomination to decide. And, of course, you can get in a situation where the split is so close that it is very difficult. But, in a case such as this one over in Collingswood, where there were six people out of a thousand on one side, there is absolutely no question. And it is very important that a thing like that not get to the place where it is. It is important to watch, and when you find the beginning of heresy coming into the preaching, to begin with ~~thex~~ that which is wrong. ~~ixxxpxxxxxxkxxxx~~ In a Presbyterian church, if you are in a pres. denomination, you can appeal to the presbytery, to investigate. Before it gets so big that ~~ixxxix~~ something can't be done about it.

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And in a Pres. system, your elders have the ^{roll} ~~rule~~ of the church. They should