

As I say, no system will meet any of these things, but it takes men to meet them. But we have tried to work out a system under which men can do their best. And the two aspects which we have tried to meet are these: ~~One~~ On the one hand, nobody can predict what might happen to the future of an organization. You cannot. And we have seen so many ~~people~~ people lose their money through a large organization going bad, that we have definitely ~~put~~ put right into the constitution that the property of a congregation belongs to the whole congregation, and the whole congregation has the right to withdraw when and if they chose to. And it alone has the authority on the decision of when it should withdraw. Now, that is a fundamental principle on the one ~~hand~~ hand. But, local congregations can change. And so, we have the protection on the other ~~hand~~ hand. Not a protection of force, but a protection which should be exercised with constant surveillance, not over details, but over the matters of doctrine. That is to say, the ~~central~~ central organization is not set up to direct the activities of the ~~particular~~ particular congregation, it is not set up to interfere with a local congregation in ~~generally~~ carrying on the Lord's work, that is their ~~it~~ duty before the Lord to decide how they should do it. ^It is set up to have an oversight, to try to watch for the introduction of false doctrine into the teaching ~~of~~ ministry. That is the primary function of the importance of the church and the high levels of the ch. govt.

And, if the presbytery and the synod do their duty, and watch that the teaching in the church is sound, then it is to be expected that ~~there~~ their people will more and more be developed in the church who are watching for sound teaching. And you get people in the church watching for sound teaching and you get an ~~un~~ unorthodox minister, and in the course of time he can change the church. But if you have this from the two sides, this way, the presbytery affecting overseeing who is the ~~minister~~ minister, and by having sound ministers building up the desire for sound teaching in the congregation, the hope is that if unsound teaching begins to come into the congregation it can be stopped from the presbytery, and on the other ~~hand~~ hand, that if the presbytery goes away, that within the congregation people can see what is ~~happening~~ happening,