



Lay Leadership in the Congregation

Informed lay leadership is of prime concern for the proper functioning of a congregation in this time of miss-information and loss of historical context. These educational products are arranged in the order of detail contained in ***The Lay Person's Guide to Good Church Government***, providing the overview and basics of each topic. This booklet is augmented by five PowerPoint presentations with instructor notes that can be downloaded for free. Please consider making a donation to help support our Website when downloading.

The Lay Person's Guide to Good Church Government



This handy booklet of 50+ pages is the culmination of 50+ years of experience, analysis, and application of ways to improve the effectiveness of church administration. Several of the included items have actually been implemented in various congregations around the country where the author was a member and elected leader. Since its initial writing in 2006, it has undergone revision and distillation of its contents, along with some additions. While the booklet has been shared with interested parties over the years it has never been published for public release until 2015.

Among the reviewers is Rev. Marty Nolan, who says this about the booklet:

"Lutheran church officers are often befuddled by challenging issues confronting their congregation, and they find that resources specifically intended for Lutheran congregations are rare. Not only is Gene White's "The Lay Person's Guide to Good Church Government" a great resource for finding solutions to challenging issues, it is also gives the novice a good education in church government of the Missouri Synod type. Even experienced lay officers and pastors will find many "nuggets" of wisdom to benefit them here."

Any laity involved with any part of church administration and leadership you will find something of value in this booklet.

The major sections of the booklet are; **Myths About Business and Church Organizations, Organizational Fundamentals for Churches, The Foundation - Your Constitution and Bylaws, Large Church Organizational Structures, Proper Balance, The Use of Policy in the Church, The Role of Planning in the Church, Personality Types and Groupings in the Church, How a Church Grows, Managing the Call Process, Compensation of Church Staff, Financial Management, Church Discipline, and Summary**, plus four attachments containing examples for your use.

The following PowerPoint presentations provide additional detail on the following five areas in the CMS Leadership Series. Each presentation lasts 1.5 to 3 hours.

Part IA The Journey to North America

Part 1B Lutheran History and Church Government

Part II Church Government - Constitution and Bylaws

Part III The Call Process

Part IV Financial Management

Part V, The Use of Policy in Church Government

Part VI Church Discipline (under construction)

Downloads of these five products are available on the Educational Products Page of the website for a donation \$15.00. CD versions available for \$20.00 and may be ordered from the Website using the Contact Us Page and form or an email as outlined below.

It is planned to add a sixth part to this series in the near future entitled *Church Discipline* and will be made available at no cost for those who purchase the CD in 2017.

How to order *The Lay Person's Guide to Good Church Government*

Orders may be placed by email to Churchmatters@frontier.com and will be shipped when the purchase price, plus the shipping and handling costs are received at the following address.

Gene White, 17572 NW Shady Fir Loop, Beaverton, OR 97006

Total Price: \$20.00

All profits from the sale of this booklet will be donated to tax exempt confessional groups to aid them in their educational efforts directed to the laity.

While this booklet is oriented towards LCMS congregations there are many facets that can be applied to any Christian congregation.

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I am available to travel to teach any of these presentations within my driving range. Contact me for an instructor outside of OR and Southern WA where it might be possible to recommend someone for you.

In His Service, Gene White, author