

MSOffice1 Bruce W Fraser

BY WORD AND BY SPIRIT

27 /07 /2014 A training workshop for Elders Session 1

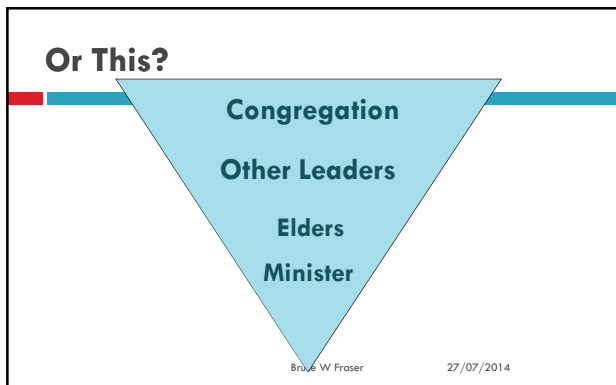
Questions

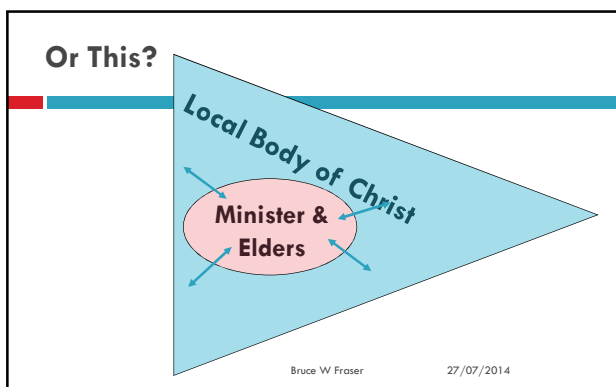
1. **What do you see as the prime role of the 'minister'?**
2. **In a diagram form show how you see the relationship between minister, elders and congregation.**

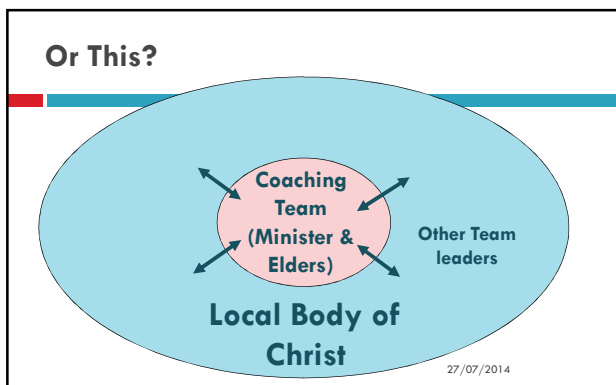
Bruce W Fraser 27 /07 /2014

How About This?

```
graph TD; Minister --- Elders; Elders --- Other_Leaders[Other Leaders]; Other_Leaders --- Congregation;
```







Eldership

- **Presbyterian – presbyteros**

Bruce W Fraser 27/07/2014

Eldership

- **Presbyterian – presbyteros**
- **The Eldership**

Bruce W Fraser 27/07/2014

Eldership in The New Testament

- *presbyteroi* = elders
- *proistamenoι* = rulers *Rom. 12:8*
- *hegoumenois* = leaders *Heb. 13:17*
- *poimenas* = pastors *1 Peter 5:2*

'Though each of these terms may describe a different facet of leadership, they all seem to be used interchangeably in the New Testament to designate the same office.' (Walvoord, John F., and Zuck, Roy B., The Bible Knowledge Commentary, (Wheaton, Illinois: Scripture Press Publications, Inc.) 1983, 1985)

Bruce W Fraser 27/07/2014

Eldership In the New Testament

- **episkopos = bishop/overseer.**
- **Functions, not title. Matt.23:8-12**

Bruce W Fraser 27/07/2014

Origins In Reformed Churches

- **Scripture**
- **Calvin in Geneva 1541**

Bruce W Fraser 27/07/2014

In Scotland

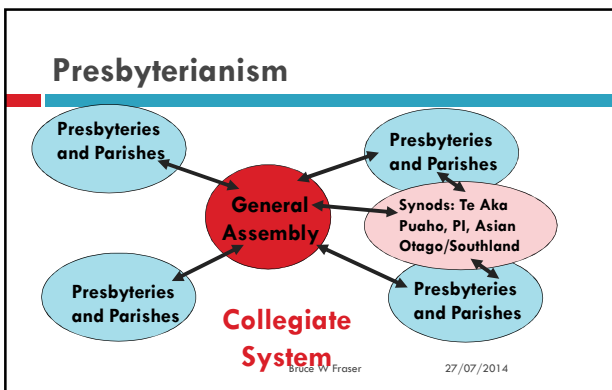
- **Paris 1559**

Bruce W Fraser 27/07/2014

In Scotland

- Paris 1559
- Second Book of Discipline 1578

Bruce W Fraser 27/07/2014



General Assembly Policy

Assembly affirms that the ministry of the whole people of God is the core of ministry within the Presbyterian Church, and that the equipping of the whole people of God is a priority for the church. (02.055)

That Assembly affirms the centrality and significance of the role of eldership and reminds Presbyteries to take up their responsibilities for the ongoing training and support of elders. (02.156)

Bruce W Fraser 27/07/2014

General Assembly Policy

That Assembly affirm the importance of a well trained ordained ministry of word and sacrament to resource, enable and empower the ministry of the laos.

(02.056)
