

THE CONGREGATION, OR PARTICULAR CHURCH.

5. A congregation is formed by a Presbytery either of its own motion or on application made by persons residing within the bounds who declare their adherence to the principles of the Church. (Under the title, congregation, in this and several other sections, an organized mission is included.) (Minutes, 1893, p. 46.)

6. Before proceeding to organize a congregation, the Presbytery gives notice to the Session of any congregation which may be affected by the proposed action, so that they may have opportunity of being heard in the matter. The Presbytery also appoints one or more of its number to meet with the persons applying, so as to obtain all necessary information, and to report. After the report of these delegates has been considered, and all parties interested have been heard, Presbytery, if it sees fit, resolves to form a congregation. Supply is then granted, and a minister of the Presbytery is appointed to take the necessary steps for organization by making up a communion roll, and constituting a Session. When a Session cannot be at once formed, an *interim* Session is appointed, unless because of distance or other reasons this seems impracticable.

7. Before proceeding to erect a place of worship, a congregation must obtain the Presbytery's approval of the site.

8. The members of a congregation who are entitled to all Church privileges are those who, on a profession of their faith in Christ and obedience to Him, have been received into full communion. The baptized children of such persons, being within the covenant, are members of the Church, and it is their duty and privilege, when they reach the age of discretion, to enter into full communion.

9. Members of the Church are under the care and subject to the authority of the Session until they are disjoined by receiving a certificate, or have their names removed in consequence of voluntary withdrawal from the fellowship of the congregation, or from discipline.

10. Members in full communion, whose names are on the roll, on applying for a certificate of disjunction, are entitled to receive the same without unnecessary delay, unless a charge against them has been laid before the Session. It is also recommended that members of the Church who are not in full communion receive commendatory letters when removing to a distance.

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