

20 Tasks of a Local Assembly

(as occurring in conjunction with the word “ekklesia”)

1. To Follow the Headship of Jesus Christ

Eph 1:22 And He put all *things* under His feet, and gave Him *to be* head over all *things* to the **church**, (Eph 5:23-24; Col 1:18)

2. To Follow the Leadership of Men

Acts 20:17 From Miletus he sent to Ephesus and called for the elders of the **church**.

Acts 20:28 "Therefore take heed to yourselves and to all the flock, among which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to shepherd the **church** of God which He purchased with His own blood. (13:1; 14:23; James 5:14; 1 Cor 14:34-35; 1 Tim 3:5)

3. To Assemble Together

Acts 14:27 Now when they had come and gathered the **church** together, they reported all that God had done with them, and that He had opened the door of faith to the Gentiles. (Acts 11:26; 1 Cor 11:18; 14:23; Heb 10:24-25)

4. To Hold One Another Accountable

Matt 18:17 "And if he refuses to hear them, tell *it* to the **church**. But if he refuses even to hear the **church**, let him be to you like a heathen and a tax collector.

5. To Judge Internal Issues

1 Cor 6:4 If then you have judgments concerning things pertaining to this life, do you appoint those who are least esteemed by the **church** to judge?

6. To Address Problems (Leadership and Relationship)

3 John 1:9-10 I wrote to the **church**, but Diotrephes, who loves to have the preeminence among them, does not receive us. Therefore, if I come, I will call to mind his deeds which he does, prating against us with malicious words. And not content with that, he himself does not receive the brethren, and forbids those who wish to, putting *them* out of the **church**.

7. To Endure Suffering & Persecution

Acts 8:1 Now Saul was consenting to his death. At that time a great persecution arose against the **church** which was at Jerusalem; and they were all scattered throughout the regions of Judea and Samaria, except the apostles.

8. To Pray Together

Acts 12:5 Peter was therefore kept in prison, but constant prayer was offered to God for him by the **church**.

Acts 14:23 So when they had appointed elders in every **church**, and prayed with fasting, they commended them to the Lord in whom they had believed. (1 Cor 1:2)

9. To Communicate and Report

Acts 15:3 So, being sent on their way by the **church**, they passed through Phoenicia and Samaria, describing the conversion of the Gentiles; and they caused great joy to all the brethren. ⁴ And when they had come to Jerusalem, they were received by the **church** and the apostles and the elders; and they reported all things that God had done with them. (Acts 14:27)

10. To Give and Share

1 Cor 16:1 Now concerning the collection for the saints, as I have given orders to the **churches** of Galatia, so you must do also: (2 Cor 8:18-19,24)

11. To Teach (and Be Taught)

Acts 11:26 And when he had found him, he brought him to Antioch. So it was that for a whole year they assembled with the **church** and taught a great many people. And the disciples were first called Christians in Antioch. (1 Cor 4:17; Eph 4:11-16)

12. To Walk in the Fear of the Lord & the Comfort of the Holy Spirit

Acts 9:31 Then the **churches** throughout all Judea, Galilee, and Samaria had peace and were edified. And walking in the fear of the Lord and in the comfort of the Holy Spirit, they were multiplied.

13. To Build Up Individuals and Assemblies

Acts 15:41 And he went through Syria and Cilicia, strengthening the **churches**.

Acts 16:5 So the **churches** were strengthened in the faith, and increased in number daily. (1 Cor 14:4-5,12,19)

14. To Accommodate Diverse Spiritual Growth Levels

1 Cor 14:23 Therefore if the whole **church** comes together in one place, and all speak with tongues, and there come in *those who are* uninformed or unbelievers, will they not say that you are out of your mind?

15. To Function in a Defined and Orderly Way

1 Cor 14:28,33 But if there is no interpreter, let him keep silent in **church**, and let him speak to himself and to God. ³³ For God is not *the author* of confusion but of peace, as in all the **churches** of the saints.

1 Tim 3:15 but if I am delayed, *I write* so that you may know how you ought to conduct yourself in the house of God, which is the **church** of the living God, the pillar and ground of the truth.

16. To Care For the Uncared-For

1 Tim 5:16 If any believing man or woman has widows, let them relieve them, and do not let the **church** be burdened, that it may relieve those who are really widows.

17. To Support Evangelizers

Phil 4:15 Now you Philippians know also that in the beginning of the gospel, when I departed from Macedonia, no **church** shared with me concerning giving and receiving but you only. (2 Cor 11:8)

18. To Assist Other Assemblies

Acts 11:22 Then news of these things came to the ears of the **church** in Jerusalem, and they sent out Barnabas to go as far as Antioch. (Acts 15:22; Ro 16:1)

19. To Interact with Other Assemblies

1 Cor 16:19 The churches of Asia greet you. Aquila and Priscilla greet you heartily in the Lord, with the **church** that is in their house. (Col 4:16)

20. To Set The Example for Other Assemblies

1 Thes 2:14 For you, brethren, became imitators of the **churches** of God which are in Judea in Christ Jesus. For you also suffered the same things from your own countrymen, just as they *did* from the Judeans,

2 Thes 1:4 so that we ourselves boast of you among the **churches** of God for your patience and faith in all your persecutions and tribulations that you endure,

3 John 1:6 who have borne witness of your love before the **church**. *If* you send them forward on their journey in a manner worthy of God, you will do well,