

1Co 12:18 - But now God has placed the members, each one of them, in the body, even as He willed.

A. Church Directory

John 10:3 -- To him the doorkeeper opens, and the sheep hear his voice; and **he calls his own sheep by name** and leads them out.

B. Personal Contact with the Lord

a. Bible Reading

Col. 3:16 -- **Let the word of Christ dwell in you** richly in all wisdom,...

b. Morning Revival

Mark 1:35 -- **And rising very early in the morning**, while it was still night, **He went out and went away to a deserted place, and there He prayed.**

c. Spiritual Books and Life Study pursuit

2 Pet. 1:12 -- Therefore I will be ready always to **remind you...**, even though you know them and have been **established in the present truth.**

d. Singing to the Lord - knowing the hymns (sing one hymn a day)

Eph. 5:19 -- Speaking to one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and **psalming with your heart to the Lord,**

e. Offering

Matt. 17:24 -- "...[T]hose who take up the temple<sup>1</sup> tax came to Peter and said, Does not your Teacher pay the temple tax?"

<sup>1</sup>A Jewish poll tax for the temple, equal to a half-shekel.

Exo. 30:13 -- **This they shall give, each one who was enrolled among their numbering, half a shekel<sup>1</sup>** according to the shekel of the sanctuary, half a shekel as a heave offering to Jehovah.

C. Consecrated time to preach the gospel

D. Our Meetings (Corporate)

a. Church Meetings – See Newsletter

b. Home Meetings – Dario, Dindo

c. Small group Meetings – Hendrick, Joseph

d. Ministry Meetings – Nathan, Dindo

e. Brothers Meeting – Joseph, Nathan

f. Sisters Meeting – Kimberly Rose

g. Prayer Meeting – Zhang's & Miranda's place

E. Priestly Services

a. Young People Coordinator/s – Kimberly Rose; Eliakim; Dario / Malou

b. Children's Coordinator/s – Cassie; Marilyn M.; Diane; Evangeline; Mika; Beatrice; M.J.; Gabriel; Gianelle

c. Campus Work – Kimberly Grace; Julie

F. Levitical (Practical) Services

The Lord's Table and Prophesying Meeting	
Emblems	Paulo; Dario; Nathan
Bread Preparation	Malou; Estela; Cassie
Musical Instrument	Berly;
Meeting Place Preparation	Eric; Christian; Hendrick
Ushering	Christian; Gabriel
Church Office and Other Service	
Offering Box (counting and recording of offering)	Estella; Malou / Cassie; Diane
Church Deaconess (maintaining church records)	Kimberly Rose

Bookroom ("for sale": Morning Revival, Bibles, Hymnals)	Kimberly Rose; Beatrice; Christian; Julie
LSM Coordinator (Registration person)	Hendrick
Audit and F/S Preparation	Hendrick; Kimberly Rose
Church Statistics	Beatrice
The Word of God Grew and Multiplied	
Library and BFC (inventory audit, Bible sets preparation; attending BFC online meetings)	Hendrick
Church Newsletter	Eric
Church Web Page and Media (facebook account) <i>churchin.regina // Mtzion2012</i>	Berly; Nathan; Marilyn; Dindo

## PRINCIPLES FOR OUR SERVICE

There are two crucial principles concerning our service for building up the church.

### Serving under the Authority of the Head

**The matter of authority must be settled** if we are to coordinate and serve with the saints in the church. Otherwise, our service will lack the element of building and will eventually cause problems in the church. Authority in the church does not refer to the establishment of popes, as is practiced among Catholics. **Authority concerns order in the Body...** For example, I have shoulders, and my arms are attached to my shoulders, and my hands, including my fingers, are attached to my arms. Every member of my body has a certain **position**, and this position is its **order**. Similarly, there is order in our service in the church because it is the service of the Body. If we are subject to the authority of the Head, **we will know our position and our order in the church.**

Some may think that it is difficult to know one's order in the church. They may ask, "What is my order, and whose authority should I be under? What should I do if I am in the wrong order or under the wrong authority?" Such questions are **theoretical**; they are **not practical**. We should question only **whether we have seen the authority of the Head** and **whether we are subject to the arrangement** of the Head. If we know the authority of the Head and are subject to His arrangement, we will spontaneously know our position and order in the church.

### Serving in Love

In order to participate in the service that builds up the church, we must first touch the authority of the Head, **and then we must touch love**. This love has also been poured out in the church through the Holy Spirit. In the Body of Christ there is the element of love... We may not be able to feel the various parts of our body loving one another, **but they do**. If my finger is cut by a knife, I would feel the pain immediately. If I bruise my foot, my whole body will suffer. Physiologically, you might say that this is a function of the nerves, but spiritually, this is a matter of love.

First Corinthians 12:26 says that in the church, the Body of Christ, when one member suffers, all the members suffer with it; and **when one member is glorified, all the members rejoice with it**. This shows a relationship of love. We can have such intimate relationships in the church because we all have the divine love. **The divine love motivates and empowers us for our service.**

We should pray for the Lord to have mercy on us so that we would not only have the authority of the Head but also love the Body. Then we will hold to truth in love and grow

up into Christ the Head in all things. This will cause the growth of the Lord's Body unto the building up of itself in love. (*Excerpt from Service for the Building Up of the Church, Chapter 1*)

Let me ask another question: What is **the service of the church**? We have to realize that such a denominational system is **absolutely different** from our kind of arrangement and coordination. Our coordination **spontaneously** issues **from the functioning of the life of Christ**. It is produced by the **demand** of Christ who lives within all the brothers and sisters. Christ in the church is its service. Every saved believer can serve **according to the life he has received** from Christ. Christ is life within us. As we give more ground to Him, we are delivered from many sinful and worldly things on the one hand, and we participate in more service on the other hand. The life that we have received is the **life of the Body of Christ**. In my body the blood in any member is as good as the blood in the whole body, because all the members have inherited the same life of the body. In the same way, the life within us is the life of the church... If a young sister loves her dresses more than the Lord, her desire for serving will spontaneously be reduced. No Christian can say that he is free from the love of the world, sin, and the flesh and yet has no burden for man's soul; he is only waiting to go to heaven. **Once a man drops the world, surely, he will serve.** The more the life of Christ functions within us, the more we will serve.

Christ **within us** is life, and the Christ **within the church** is service. For the past few days, I have been quite pressed... I felt pressed because I asked **myself why these ones were not serving yet**. We have been listening to messages...and we still want to go on listening. But those who handed themselves over always have an **urgent need in life to serve**. This feeling is right and precious. This is the reason we have elders and deacons to make arrangements in the services. These ones, however, **are not produced through election**. The urge within everyone for service creates these needs.

I will summarize the above words in this way: The Christ within us is not just our life. **This life has its demands**. Once we answer the demand of this Christ within us, we will be led to serve Him. Moreover, we will not serve Him individually but in coordination in the church as the Body. We must pay attention to more than just answering the demand of Christ within us. We must see that this demand leads the whole Body to serve in coordination. **The more we answer Christ's demand within us and coordinate with the brothers and sisters, the more comfortable we will be.**

If we pay attention to Christ's demand within us, we will realize that this Christ is **leading us to the service of the church**. If a man is not saved, he does not have the life of Christ within him. Therefore, an unsaved person does not have a heart to serve the Lord. **But a Christian who has Christ's life within him always has a heart to serve God, even if he has fallen miserably into the world.** The responsible brothers in the church must treasure this desire for service within the brothers and sisters. The church must discover and stir up this desire. If a church cannot help its brothers and sisters to rise up to serve, it is **a sick church**. The church is the aggregate of the life of Christ within the brothers and sisters. This is the Body of Christ. The life of Christ within everyone **spontaneously demands that we serve**. If a church does not take the lead and render the help to the brothers and sisters to serve the Lord, it is a **sick church**. This is like the life in the physical body. Under normal circumstances it has to work and exercise. Other than when lying down to rest, **the body has many activities**. If a church does not work or serve, it is **sick**.

Why did we leave the denominations in the first place? We left them because we felt **that our need for serving the Lord was not met**. God wants the whole church to rise up to serve Him. God has put such a desire within every brother and sister. Therefore, the responsible

brothers in the church must pay attention to this matter. If we frustrate and stop the brothers and sisters from serving, we are offending the Holy Spirit. This is a very serious thing. (*Excerpt from CWWL, 1950-51, "The Whole Church Serving, p. 51-53*)

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## Service Meeting

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