

# **The Office of the Keys vis a vis Congregational and Synodical Polity (Governance)**

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## **II. Authority Within the Christian Congregation**

### **B. The dependence of each member on Christ and his Church.**

Mt. 28.18f

John 15.5

Baptismal/Confirmation Vows

### **C. The role of each Spirit filled/gifted member.**

Romans 13

Constitution and by laws; Congregation organization and discipline

Acts 6 – freedom to form offices

Acts 15 – congregational discussion and vote

Mt. 18 – Congregational recognition of members (active faith) / exclusion (non repentance)