



We Never Did It That Way Before

Nurturing Entrepreneurial Spirit within Established Structures

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F-1.03 THE CALLING OF THE CHURCH

F-1.0301 The Church Is the Body of Christ

The Church is the body of Christ. Christ gives to the Church all the gifts necessary to be his body. The Church strives to demonstrate these gifts in its life as a community in the world (1 Cor. 12:27–28):

The Church is to be a community of **faith**, entrusting itself to God alone, even at the risk of losing its life.

The Church is to be a community of **hope**, rejoicing in the sure and certain knowledge that, in Christ, God is making a new creation. This new creation is a new beginning for human life and for all things. The Church lives in the present on the strength of that promised new creation.

The Church is to be a community of **love**, where sin is forgiven, reconciliation is accomplished, and the dividing walls of hostility are torn down.

The Church is to be a community of **witness**, pointing beyond itself through word and work to the good news of God's transforming grace in Christ Jesus its Lord.

[emphasis added]