

Hierarchy and Power

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I wish to remain anonymous at this present time.

Regarding the posted letter of: Friends Letter to Overseers and Workers. [Friends' Letter to Overseers and Church](#)

I agree with the direction of the letter. I applaud the ambitions of our concerned friends and fully support the need for real change. Have for many years. Thank you for speaking out.

However, I would ask the church to read and consider the included attachment and see where we have gotten to in our generation.

Ask yourself where God fits into this manmade structure?

Ask yourself who is the greatest in the Kingdom?

Examine the honesty and transparency of these leaders, and those who so strongly support their role in the framework.

These same three men in power are fighting to every extent to hold control, including continued threats to all who wish to even be aware of the crisis we are in. They are holding the support of most workers and elders in our region. Every evidence points to the need for their removal.

Who has chosen the chief overseer?

Who has chosen the other overseers?

Who has chosen the elders?

Some workers are chosen by God.

Some workers are volunteers.

Perhaps some elders are chosen by God, but in our experience, elders are chosen for convenience. In our area, a known pedophile was chosen to be an elder. Some are blessed by God. Some are not.

The responsibility of making changes in the operation of our "Truth", must be left to God. Leaving this in the hands of selected people will be the wrong direction. We do not want a manmade worship. We worship God. Discussions and decisions must include all members, who wish to participate.

God's beautiful "friends" should not be considered a "lower place".
Remember how Jesus felt about the child in their midst.

Barry, Ray and Dale have been asked by this group to "Humbly take the lower place". I plead for us as a people to get away from "higher" and "lower place". To work to become one. These three men cannot hold any place in the ministry. As long as their name is on the list, they are holding the money and authority. Almost all, if not all, other workers and elders will adhere to their authority - whatever lesser level of management we or they pretend they are filling.

These three named men are currently holding discussions at Ellershouse Convention grounds in Nova Scotia, Canada.

This may be an opportune time for this growing group of supporters of Truth, to move beyond the posted notice requesting them to take the "lower" place and ask them to leave the work completely.

This will open the door for restoration of God's true ministry.

Thank you. For your consideration and part in this needed change in our direction.
Thank you for speaking up.

Anonymous

Management Pyramid

Also Known as a Hierarchical Structure

Following is the management system the "Truth" has grown into in the past one hundred years.

Chief Overseer.

- Male only.
- Absolute authority over all workers, friends, meetings, conventions, decisions etc. in a very large geographical area, including large parts of countries and multiple countries.

- Holding large sums of money.

General Overseer.

- Male only.
- Reporting directly to Chief overseer.
- Authority over all workers and friends in same geographical area.
- Authority to make some decisions without consulting above management.
- Holding large sums of money.

Regional Overseer.

- Reporting directly to general overseer and in some cases chief overseer.
- Authority with consultation and approval from above management over all workers and friends, meetings decisions etc. in a smaller geographical area. May include one or several provinces or states.
- Authority to make lesser decisions without consultation of above management.

Senior brother workers

- Reporting directly to regional or general overseer.
- Willing to promote and enforce any and all direction received from senior management.
- Given field responsibility and responsibilities over tasks. Travel tickets, vehicle arrangements, convention management etc., hall bookings, etc. (Authorized to delegate to a junior brother).

Junior brother workers

- Reporting directly to senior brother or companion with field responsibility and receiving/taking all instruction.

- May be given responsibility to manage a convention during preparation, etc.

Senior sister workers

- Receive all direction from Brother workers, senior or junior.
- Assigned field responsibility.
- Assigned responsibility during convention preparations of domestic tasks, (cooking, laundry, cleaning).
- Assigned domestic responsibility during conventions. (Dining area, laundry etc., sleeping)

Junior sister workers

- Receive direction from all senior sister and brother workers.
- Receive all directions and planning from companion with field responsibility.
- Assigned responsibility during conventions over domestic tasks.

Elders

- Responsibility for meeting in the home, over an appointed church.
- Receive all direction from field workers or any level of workers above.
- May or may not be included in meetings of workers where local planning involving meeting, convention changes etc. are being considered.

Elder's wives

- May be included to have a seat in worker meetings considering local meeting decisions.

Deacons. (No real named position)

- Male in a meeting appointed to be second to the elder of the church.

- Will fill in as the elders role when elder is not available, and will be consulted on small meeting changes etc.

Privileged friends

- The friends that hold a greater importance to the workers.
- May be built on a genuine friendship.
- Will be included in some worker information not shared to the general church.
- Will only exist where the workers are gaining some privilege. (Usually based on giving of funds, usefulness at providing work or other needs at a convention, open home for use, mail management etc).

Friends

The men, women and children that make up the church, meetings, conventions etc.

Money flows to the top.

Authority flows from the top.