

Christ's Church + Two Kinds of Work

The relationship between the Church Council or Ministry Team and the Lay Ministers

*A brief Study of Acts 6:1-7
Let's use the ESV for this study*

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Getting started:

1. Who are the Hellenists?
2. So—an unresolved conflict has arisen in the 'infant Church'—(didn't take too long did it?). What is at the heart of the conflict according to verse 1?
3. Who are the 12? See Acts 1:26
4. Who are 'the full number of disciples'.
5. Who do you think might have been speaking in verse 2?
6. According to 'Peter'—what had the apostles been doing?
7. What was the solution (this is the key to answering our question) offered by the speaker?
8. What are the seven to be doing? Are there any qualifications for this work according to the text?
9. What then are the apostles to be doing?
10. Does it appear to you that the speaker is suggesting that one group is more holy or has a higher status in the Church than the other?
11. What kind of relationship do you see developing between these two 'offices'? Verse 5 and 6.
12. Has the unresolved conflict now become a 'resolved' conflict? How do we know.
13. What was the result of resolving the conflict? Verse 7.
14. Do you get the sense that these two entities will be working together in the future?
15. There's always a danger lurking when we work in different groups. What is that danger do you think?
16. How would we avoid those kinds of danger?

Note: It would take more time than we have to go deeply into Luther's incredible 2 Kingdom theology. But we can see those two kingdoms in Acts 6.