

Centralized Arrangements

- Cooperation Meetings
- Missionary Societies
- Benevolent Institutions.
- Sponsoring Churches

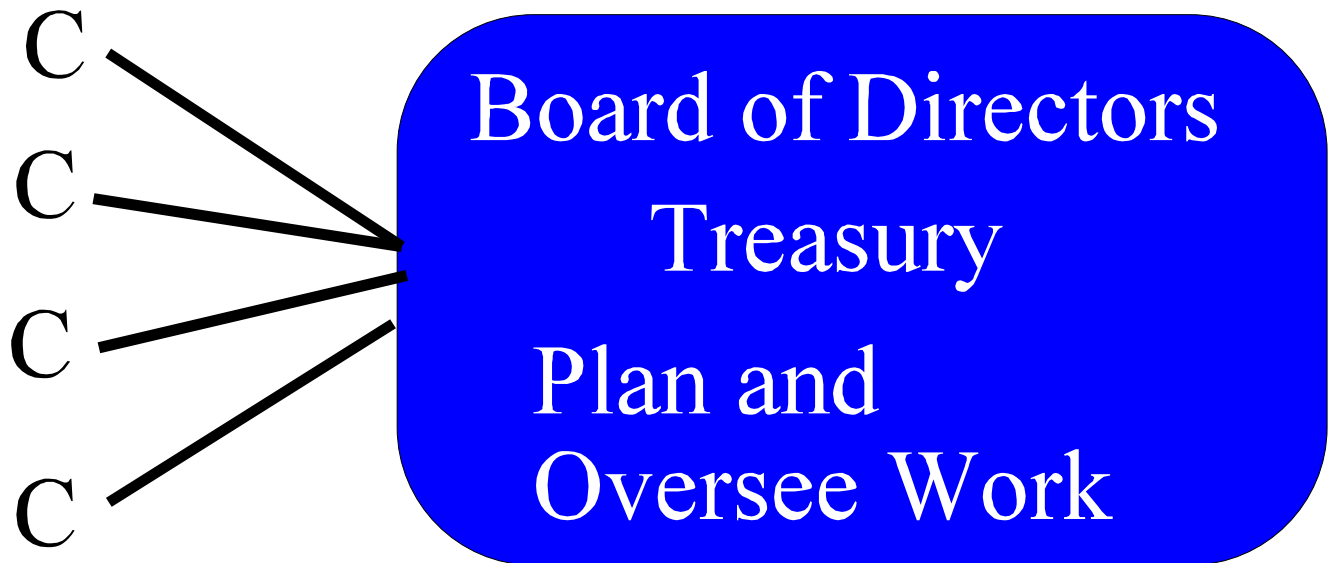
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“Sponsoring” Church



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THE WORK OF THE CHURCH

Evangelize - 2 Cor. 11:8

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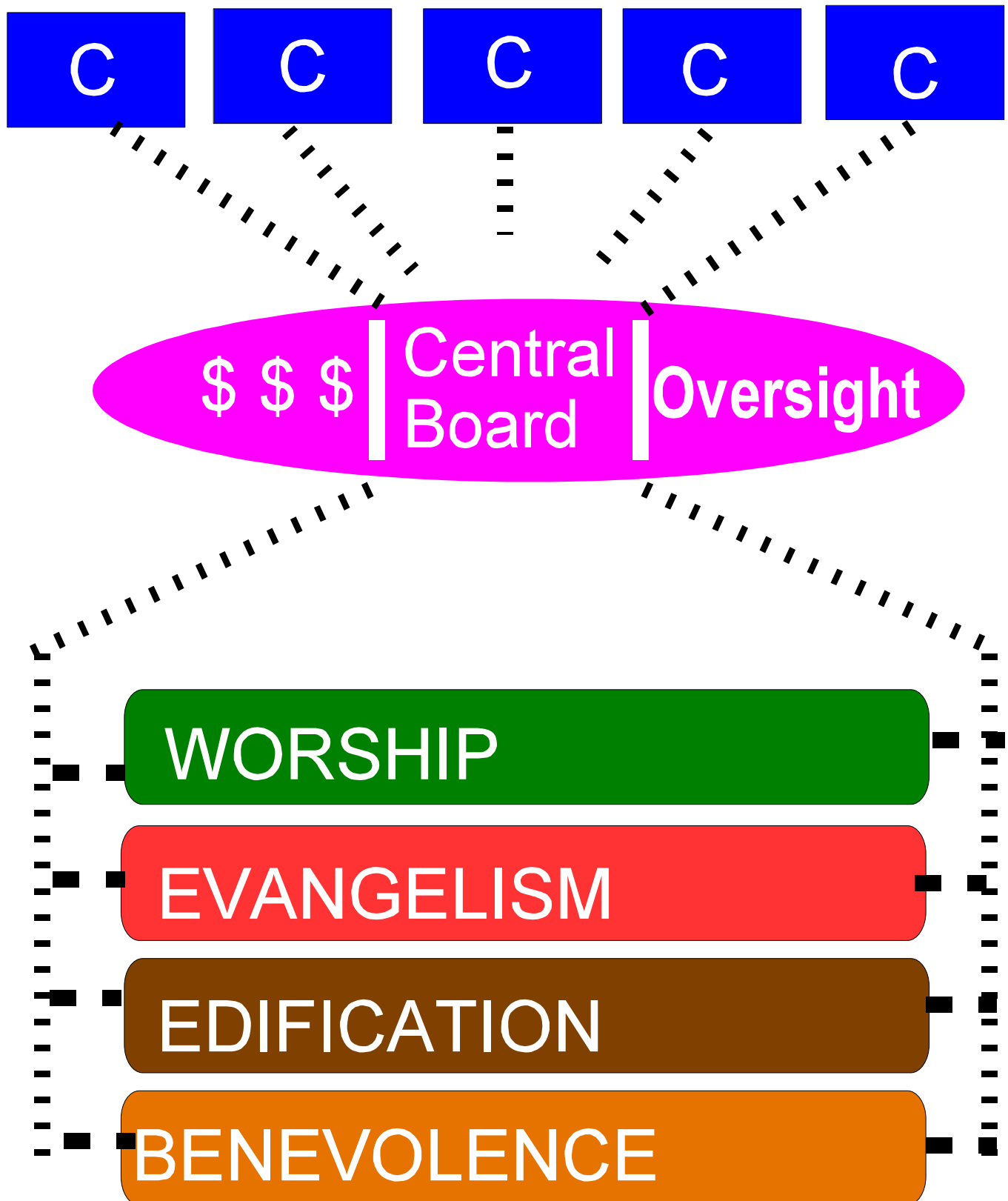
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Where the Road Leads



New Testament Church Organization

Universal Church

No Organization

All the saints in Christ

Matt 16:18; Acts 2:47

Local Church

Organization

Bishops/Deacons /Saints

Phil. 1:1