

EPISCOPACY

REPORTS: don't you love that word? We all have to do them! That's what I'm giving you today. Even Bishop Hill sends this committee a "confidential" monthly or bi-monthly report in preparation for our meeting with him. We meet with him the same number of times your reports are due from each church and pastor that is quarterly. His report includes a detailed analysis of his activities and concerns. As we meet we have opportunity to ask even probing questions and receive his response.

He certainly has many ongoing concerns, as all of us have, and his greatest concern is for the health and growth of the body of Christ – the church.

This committee does have a couple concerns:

1. The demand on the Bishop's time dealing with problems, etc. Our hope is that with the changes that have been made in the leadership structure, many issues can be handled at various levels such as the local PRC, the District Field Directors, the Associate positions. We realize that there are some things that he alone must handle.
2. Finally, the ongoing problem of his finding the time to take vacations, a time to relax, a time to be refreshed. Again we realize that with his wife, Gloria's work schedule and his own that sometimes it's difficult to coordinate the two.

We have certainly never questioned the Bishop's work ethic for he is very conscientious, putting in more hours than many of us would be comfortable in handling. With that type of work ethic we are grateful for the associates and office staff he has around him, including the one he calls the "assistant Bishop" Jodi.

In the appendix titled "Leadership in the E.C. Church" it speaks of identifying leaders to carry out the mission of building His Kingdom. One sentence states "The three core graces we seek to identify in leaders are teachability, humility and the ability to build a team." Our Bishop has built a good team and thus has become a role model for us to emulate in our local congregations.

This committee consists of the following members Rev. Gerald Baum, Rev. Lewie Bennett, Rev. Keith Blank (Secretary), Rev. David Dennis, Rev. Marlin Lafferty and Bishop Bruce Hill

Respectfully Submitted,

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