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Church Manual

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How Much Do You Know?



Each church leader should know the *Church Manual* well. The main content of each chapter is of worldwide value and applicable to every church. How much do you know about this important book?





How many chapters does the Church Manual have?

☒ 14

B. 15

C. 16





When was the Seventh-day Adventist church name chosen?

☒ 1860

B. 1861

C. 1862





A Division is

A. A group of Union Conferences.

 A section of the General Conference.

C. A legal organisation that represents the SDA Church in one specific area.





The new fundamental belief the church voted in 2005:

A. Great Controversy

 Growing in Christ

C. Unity in the body of Christ





The SDA church's form of government is:

A. Episcopal

B. Independent

☒ Representative





A church member is placed under discipline for:

- A. Not coming in time for Sabbath meetings.
- B. Not returning their tithe faithfully.
- Physical violence, including violence within the family.






The Sabbath School offering is:

- A. An offering for the local church
- B. An offering for the conference/mission fund
- An offering for the world mission fund



A person is received by Profession of Faith by means of:

- A. A vote by the church committee.
-  An affirmation of his/her acceptance of the SDA doctrinal beliefs before the church or another group of people properly appointed.
- C. A sworn statement, showing that he/she was baptised by immersion.





The first job of the church board is:

- A. Caring for the infra-structure and all departments
- Planning evangelism in all of its phases
- C. Elaborating and coordinating a plan called integrated evangelism





A company member who is fallen into sin will be put under discipline by:

- A. The district church
- B. The congregation during a properly
summoned meeting

 The local field's committee






The main responsibility of training elders belongs to:

- A. The local pastor
- B. The conference/mission
- C. The union in partnership with the division






An elder is only allowed to baptise when:

-  Authorised by conference/mission/field president
- B. An ordained pastor is not present
- C. When the candidate is a fruit of his/her evangelism





Members who move away, who do not contact the church and are impossible to be located:

-  May be removed after a two-year absence
- B. May not be removed
- C. Are transferred to the church's dead file





YES or NO

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Should a church discipline a member by removal who has fallen into sin without consulting the church pastor?

NO





When an ordained minister of the conference visits a church, is it expected that the local elder will show him proper deference by inviting him to occupy the pulpit?

YES

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**Can the conference/mission/field committee
authorize a pastor with a Ministerial License to
go from church to church outside of his area
performing church rites?**

NO

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Can a minister be removed from office by the conference/mission/field committee without affecting his church membership?

YES

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**Can nominating committee members
consult prospective officers?**

YES

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Any church or conference/mission/field officer or leader attempting to control the votes of a group of delegates would be considered disqualified for holding office?

YES

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**Is the consumption of coffee and use of
jewelry clearly condemned in the baptismal
vote?**

NO

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**Should those who fail to return their tithe not
be considered for the position of elder or to
any other church office?**

YES





Can a member be removed from church membership or otherwise disciplined only by a majority vote of the church members?

NO





In case there is no one qualified to be an elder of a church, can a person be elected as church leader?

YES

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**Are the two ways to discipline a member:
Vote of Censure and Vote of Removal?**

YES

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**Does the church have the right to prevent
someone's membership transfer under
discipline?**

YES

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In case the church officers refuse to consider the application for reinstatement from a dismissed member, does such an individual have the right to appeal to the church for a hearing?

YES

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Can a church accept into membership an individual who is under discipline?

NO





**Does a church board with good representation
have the authority to vote letters of transfer to
another church?**

NO





**If the appointed pastor is a licensed minister,
should the local church or churches that he
serves elect him as an elder?**

YES

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Is the pastor an ex officio member and serves as chairperson of the nominating committee?

YES





**Does the church strongly discourage SDA
pastors to perform weddings between a SDA
and a non-SDA?**

YES

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**Can a newly elected deacon fill his office while
he is waiting for his ordination?**

NO





Under special circumstances, can a church leader perform the duties invested to a church elder?

NO

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Can a quorum be decided by the church in a business meeting or by the church board?

YES





**Is the minimum quorum for the church board
work 50% of it's members plus 1?**

NO

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**Can a church vote a discipline by censure for
two years?**

NO





**Under no circumstances should a minister,
elder, or other church officer invite strangers
to conduct services in our churches.**

YES

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**Under no circumstances the practice of
keeping a retired members list should be
followed.**

YES





**Should the elder regard all financial matters
pertaining to church members confidential?**

YES

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When the number of individuals returning tithe in the church is reported, should children who are non-wage earners but are members of the church not be counted in this group?

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**Does the Seventh-day Adventist church
practice open communion?**

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**Should all changes or revisions of policy made
in the *Manual* be authorized at a General
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YES

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