I. Church Authority and Church Diversity.

A. What does authority/freedom of Church have to do with

diversity of persons/gifts in Church?

B. To say that Church must act together, live together, is to say that

the members of the Body of Christ depend upon each other in

Christ.

C. Different gifts are nothing without love. 1 Cor. 13.

II.Covenanting

- A. Look at Church from different angles:
- B. What is covenanting?
- C. Brief history of covenanting.

III.Different times, different challenges.

- A. State control of Church may use state-appointed bishops.
- B. Individualism: celebrity and schism.
- C. State Control & individualism: two sides of same coin.