Some differences between Committees and Ministry Teams

Committee **Ministry Team**

One-dimensional (the work). Three-dimensional (Our Lord, each other, the work).

Work out of a willingness

Work out of a willingness to serve and with a passion

to serve.

for the task.

A bias for the status quo.

A bias for action.

Not always interested

in new ideas.

New ideas welcome and wanted

Tends to repeat last year's

program over again even if less fruitful.

Feels the freedom to experiment and see what works.

technical challenges.

Sees only technical* solutions Addresses adaptive** challenges with the spirit of humility and inquiry.

A "continuing" organization. A "learning" organization

Require permission to act.

Already has permission to act (assumes trust between the Session and the Team)

Qualities of Ideal Team Participants:

- Heart ó for our Lord and for people
- Humble ó interested in others ó õnot thinking less about yourself but thinking of yourself lessö C S Lewis
- Hungry ó hard worker ó leans into the work
- Smart ó people smarts ó Emotional Intelligence.

See <u>The Ideal Team Player</u> by Patrick Lencioni

^{*} A technical challenge is any challenge for which you know the solution. It's something you know how to do.

^{**} An adaptive challenge is any challenge for which what you know will not work. New ideas are needed – which requires the humility to ask questions and try new things.