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d. SOME ADVANTAGES AND DISADVANTAGES OF HISTORIC PATTERNS OF RELATIONSHIP AMONG LOCAL CHURCHES

Features	Episcopal		Presbyterial		Congregational	
Administrative body responsible for watch-care over men preparing for the ministry	✓	A	✓	A	✓	A
Placement service to assist ministers and churches	✓	A	X	D	X	D
Mechanism for matching of ministers and churches	✓	A	X	D	X	D
Mechanism for continuing oversight of ministers and churches	✓	A	✓	A	X	D
Administrative body responsible to protect local churches from the entrance of false teachers and doctrine	X	D	✓	A	X	D
Administrative body responsible to protect denominations from the entrance of false teachers and doctrine into its agencies	✓	A	✓	A	X	D
Administrative body responsible for disciplining officials of local churches	X	D	✓	A	✓	A
Feasibility of disciplining ministers	✓	A	✓	A	X	D
Feasibility of disciplining denominational officials	X	D	X	D	X	D
Mechanism for appeal in cases of false accusation, slander, or improper discipline	✓	A	✓	A	X	D
Freedom within local churches to exert administrative power	✓	A	✓	A	✓	A
Denominational efficiency in exerting administrative power upon local churches	✓	D	X	A	X	A
Encouragement of initiative among local lay people	X	D	✓	A	?	?
Encouragement of initiative among local church officers	X	D	✓	A	?	?
Ease of carrying out certain functions of the church on a larger scale	✓	A	?	?	X	D
Tendency toward bureaucratic red tape	✓	D	?	?	X	A
Denominational power to lay assessments on local churches for support of larger-scale functions and projects	✓	D	X	A	X	A
Local property rights held by local congregation	X	D	?	?	✓	A

Q.#1. Does this pattern have this feature? ✓ = yes   X = no

Q.#2. Is having this feature an advantage or a disadvantage? A = advantage D = disadvantage