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The one Church of Jesus Christ can only be known in a particular place and time. The United Reformed Church belongs to a tradition which believes the Church to be made visible where the Word of God is preached and heard, the Sacraments are administered according to Christ's institution and there is godly living among the Church's members. This means that the Church is visible when it worships

The United Reformed Church has a 'conciliar' structure, which means that decisions are made corporately by baptised church members meeting in council. Decisions are made locally, at the Church Meeting. Ministers of Word and Sacraments serve the local church along with elected and ordained elders, who are also trustees. In the wider church there are thirteen Synods which meet twice a year and General Assembly which meets annually.



But there is no single way to be the Church and we do not experience the Church in its fullness. The visible form which it currently takes can never be the only one in which the Church

can be made manifest. Instead, the Church is forever able to be renewed and to change its form when, under the Word of God, the Holy Spirit prompts it to do so. The United Reformed Church recognises that, because it is made up of human beings, it needs continually to reform itself to be more faithful in its calling to follow Christ's ministry of bringing forgiveness, healing and wholeness to the world.



