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One of the things that I experience more than most in Covenant is the inner workings of the leadership of the church. As a Reformed church we believe that the leadership of the church is through the Council which includes Elders, Deacons and Pastors. There is no hierarchy in the Council. Our understanding is that every officebearer is equal in authority but distinct in task. And so when we gather as Council members we learn to listen to each other, to value the wisdom not just of individuals, but also of the collective, to discern together the leading of the Holy Spirit. Sometimes that means that we can have strong opinions one way or another about how to lead through certain decisions but that, as a body, we strive for consensus. That only happens when we apply Philippians 2:3b "...in humility consider others better than yourselves." Overall Council meetings are rather uplifting times of mutual encouragement, sharing of burdens and giving thanks to God for all those who support and volunteer in the ministries at Covenant. It is a great privilege to lead with such a wonderful group of God-followers. *That's my nickel. Pastor Bob*