

Ministerial structure

Ministry	Ministerial levels	Authority¹ <i>Issued through Ordination</i>	Leadership function³ <i>Conferred by appointment</i>	Helper function <i>Imparted by assignment</i>
Chief Apostle District Apostle ²	Apostle	Sealing Ordination Forgiveness of sins	District Apostle	Chief Apostle Helper District Apostle Helper Lead Apostle
Apostle				
Bishop ² District Elder ² District Evangelist ²	Priest	Holy Baptism with water Holy Communion Forgiveness of sins by commission of the Apostle	District rector Congregational rector	Bishop Delegate of district rector Delegate of congregational rector
Shepherd ² Evangelist ²				
Priest				
Deacon	Deacon	Dispensation of Trinitarian benediction Proper preaching of the word		

¹ The authority inherent in the higher ministerial levels also includes the authority of the lower ministerial levels.

² These ministries will continue to exist, but will no longer be occupied.

³ The leadership function of the Apostles and of the Chief Apostle is imparted through the ordination.

