

# The Office of the Keys vis a vis Congregational and Synodical Polity (Governance)

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### III. LCMS – Congregational Polity

A. Reaction to lessons learned by confessing Stephanism who desired Episcopal polity & others.

#### Stephan

Papistic Authority  
Gospel for Personal Auth.  
Ultimately Heterodox  
Tyranny

#### White devil

#### Walther

Scriptural Authority  
Gospel used for God's purpose  
Orthodoxy prime  
Pastoral authority limited  
No open ?'s if Scripture speaks  
Christian Freedom where free

#### Heartless head religion

#### Loehe

Ministry  
Pastoral Application  
Doctrine not ultimate  
Auth. pragmatic  
Iowa Synod; open ?'s  
Can't mediate Walt/Grab

#### Clueless heart religion

#### Grabau

Tradition  
Part of Church  
Doctrine/Trad unit  
Benevolent. Dictatorship  
Schismatic excom of LCMS  
Trad. removes freedom

#### Herr Pastor