

## Appendix Two

### Modern contradictions of early church practice

Early Church	Modern Practice
One people.	Clergy / laity split.
Active participation of all.	Passive congregation.
A team of equal elders.	A variety of clergy types: Charismatics have apostles, prophets, pastors, cell-groups leaders, congregational leaders etc. Anglicans have ranks of institutional clergy. Reformed groups have senior pastors, pastors, elders (who sometimes do not preach or pastor); some have moderators and superintendents etc.
Meetings in homes.	Various forms of dedicated and expensive buildings.
Seating in a house.	Pews (added in 13 <sup>th</sup> century) or rows of chairs, a modern replacement of pews.
Teaching naturally and informally in homes.	Pulpits or platforms (which originated in the 3 <sup>rd</sup> century).
Teaching via numerous methods, and people, supervised by elders.	Weekly sermons by the same man (usually).
Teachers encourage questions and discussion.	Sermons are uninterrupted.

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