

Selection of Church Leaders *in the NT*

Two ways of selecting leaders:

1. Direct, miraculous designation of leaders by the Holy Spirit. **Acts 13:2**
(example of a prophet speaking in **Acts 21:10-11**)

But see also **Acts 14:26** regarding the role of the whole church.

2. God's people, prayerfully, and in light of teaching, designate leaders. **Acts 20:28**

- *recognition of a need for a leader or leaders*
- *qualities of character needed*
- *role of present leaders*
- *role of all of the people*
- *place of prayer in the process*
- *how new leaders are set apart for this work*

Acts 1:15-26

Acts 6:1-6

Committing leaders to God's grace: **Acts 14:23, 26; 15:40; 20:32**

Acts 14:23

having appointed for them in every church elders

CHEIROTONEŌ CHEIR = "hand"

This term signifies "voting by a show of hands." In this context, do Paul and Barnabas choose elders in each church, but with input from the congregation?

See also 2 *Corinthians* 8:19.