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Where the Road Leads

Central Board

Oversight

WORSHIP

EVANGELISM

EDIFICATION

BENEVOLENCE
New Testament Church Organization

Universal Church

No Organization

All the saints in Christ
Matt 16:18; Acts 2:47

Local Church

Organization

Bishops/Deacons / Saints
Phil. 1:1