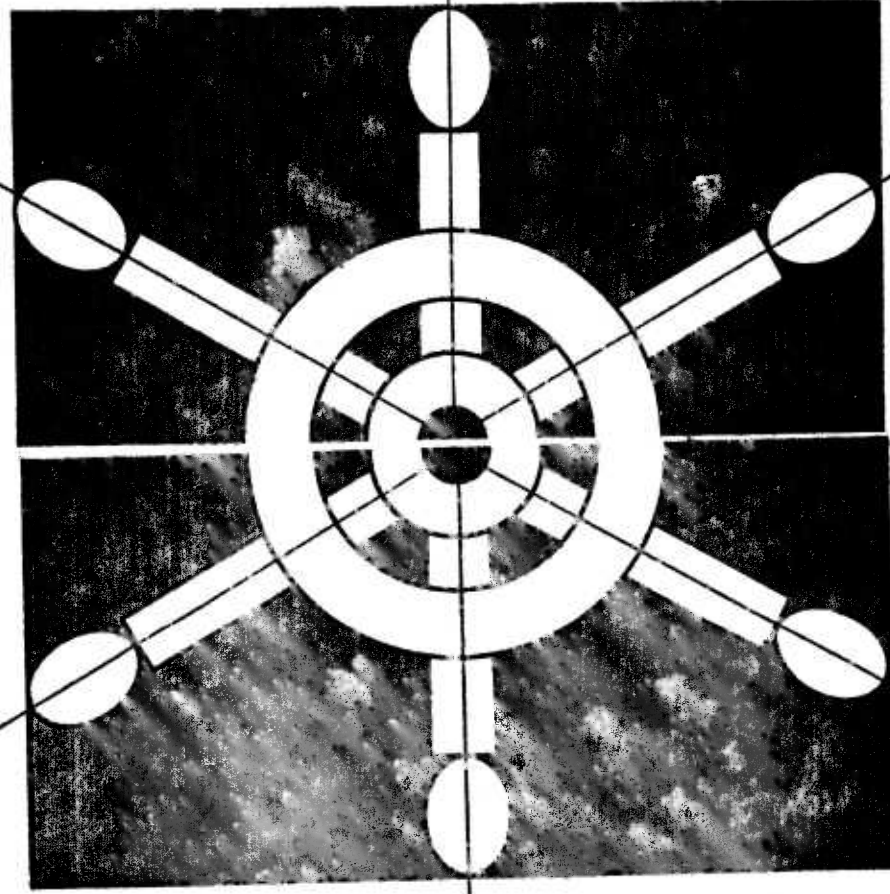


celebration

How do we rejoice?

clarifying our identity

Who are we as a church?



This model occurred to me as I thought of the Greek word for "administration" in 1Cor.12:28, from a ship's helm (steering wheel)--from which, by transliteration, come the English words "government" & "cybernetics." As I put it in THE LOCAL CHURCH IN GOD'S MISSION (UCC/68), "A church moving forward into its distinctive mission is like a ship making for a specific harbor....Planning is a way of grabbing hold of the task and using our resources intelligently in its doing. The helm's handles say this....at any particular moment one or

defining the world's situation

Where are we?

another of the handles may be doing the major work."

evaluation

How are we doing?

action

What new behavior do we propose?

self-study

What are we doing?