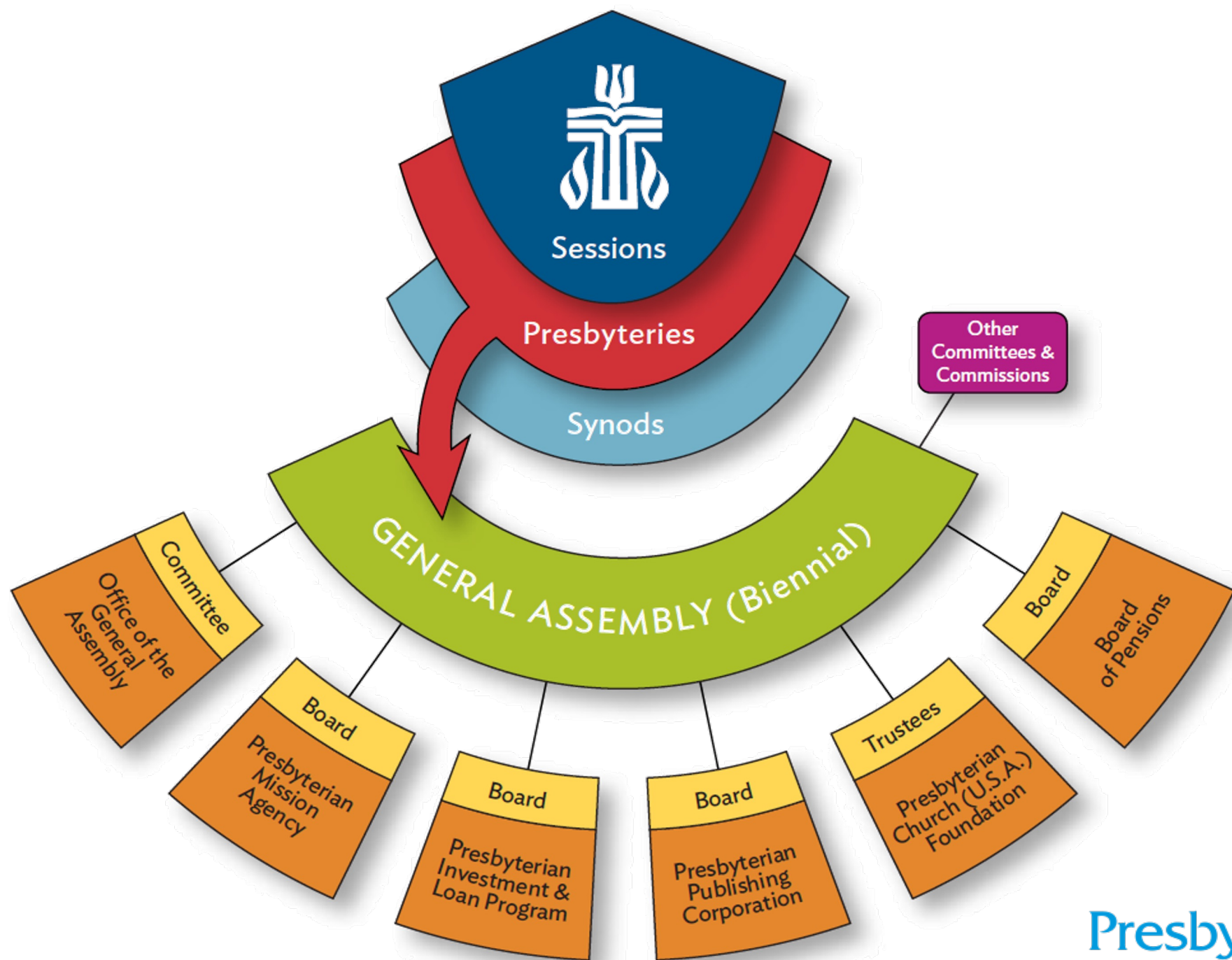


A Theology of Thanksgiving

Making Grateful Disciples

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Bringing People and Mission Together

Mark 10:17-31

Circles & Lines

Holy Ingratitude

“Paul is quite strict: to live as a Christian is to live without debts, including especially without debts of gratitude. Christian givers impose no debts; Christian recipients acknowledge no debts, except to love.”

Peter Leithart

Gratitude: An Intellectual History

Holy Ingratitude

Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law.

Romans 13:8

The Infinite Circle

- *God is the source of every gift*
- *Thanks is due to God alone*
- *No obligation for return*
- *Gratitude defined as right use*

*I thank my God every time I remember you, constantly
praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you,
because of your sharing in the gospel
from the first day until now.*

Phillippians 1:3-5

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