The Genevan Church, 1541

**Sovereign Council**

- **The Small Council**
  Executive authority in the republic, composed of 25 elected by the Council of the Two Hundred; maintains public treasury, manages daily affairs of state.

- **The Council of the Two Hundred**
  General representation of the Genevan citizenry; lawmaking authority; receives proposals for legislation from Small Council.

**Consistory**

- **Elders of the Church**
  A dozen laymen, chosen from among the members of the Small Council or the Two Hundred; charged with enforcing moral discipline.

- **Deacons**
  Laymen charged with the administration of the church and its organizations, such as poor relief and hospitals.

- **Ministers of the Word**
  Clergymen, charged with preaching the Gospels to the laity; guardians of doctrine; admonish those who hold false opinions.

- **Teachers**
  Charged with catechizing the young and training them to read and write.

**Population**

**Community of the Faithful**