

bers, elected by the parishioners. There is, moreover, another council consisting of all the clergymen of the deanery and a lay member for each parish. These two councils manage the ecclesiastical affairs within their respective parishes and deaneries.

The Icelandic Church has always been liberal in her views, even the so-called orthodox branch of it; and Pietism and other extreme movements have never been much in vogue there, while, on the other hand, spiritualism and the new theology have many adherents among the younger clergy.

Besides their clerical duties, clergymen are also charged with the annual public registration; they have, moreover, to record, formally and exactly, all births, deaths, and marriages, as the church registers are the only official records of these events.