

# MELVIN JOURNAL

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## BELIEVE AND ACT

*The culture of Lay Pastors Ministry is created from the Pastor.*

When I read those words, I felt affirmed in our Lay Pastors Ministry for it is grounded in Scriptures: the Mosaic model (Exodus 18), God's instructions to pastor-teachers (Ephesians 4: 11, 12), and the mandate "tend the flock of God that is your charge" (1 Peter 5:1-4).

You should feel affirmed as well! I believe we are all committed to continue our ministry in creative ways within the framework of Scripture's eternal verities.

These five propositions, if **believed** and **acted** upon, will open a congregation to authentic and effective lay ministry.

**GIFTS** Since lay people are given gifts by the Spirit for ministry, and are called by God into ministry, they are authentic ministers.

**CONTEXT** Lay people will be called to ministry and be open to giving and receiving ministry from one another to the degree the whole congregation is nurtured in those Scriptures which deal with gifts for ministry.

**EQUIPPING** It is only by being equipped that lay people are able to use their gifts effectively in ministry.

**STRUCTURE** Ministry structures have to be created within which lay people can authentically and effectively minister.

**CLERGY** To the degree the professional clergy see their role as equipping the saints for ministry, lay ministry will be attractive, authentic and effective.●

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**As you know** *believe* and *act* are different. If you are a pastor, you may teach this to your congregation when you have a chance, or at the pulpit. If you are a layperson, believe this is from the Bible. Evaluate the meaning and character of each.

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