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## WHY I OUGHT TO BE PART OF THE NETWORK

*You will be more productive by coming together*

**1. By coming together** you will be stronger in your ministry:

-creative ideas will be generated which never would have happened staying by yourself.

-your spirit will be supercharged. You will go back with renewed commitment and passion for your ministry. We seldom lack ideas and projects. It is spirit we need.

-you will get a new perspective on your ministry. You will be looking at it from new angles just by talking about it and/or listening to others. Solutions to some of your problems will burst upon you; ideas of how to improve your ministry will hit you: dormant plans will come alive; what seemed to degenerate to the commonplace, routine or unimportant will be regenerated to significance.

**2. By coming together** you will be more productive. Why? Because you will be acting on a fundamental principle running throughout Scripture: the work of God is done by the people of God through mutual submission. It is not by looking out for our own efforts, but by submitting to the gifts and roles of others that His work is accomplished. One reason the disciples could get the Church going in the world is that they had been together.

**3. By coming together** you will be doing something significant for the larger church, the Church of Jesus Christ in the world. You will be doing to leaders of the churches what I Thessalonians 5:11 tells us to do, "Encourage one another and build one another up." You will be interpreting I Corinthians 12:7 in a universal rather than a provincial way, "To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit (gifts) for its common good."

**"One another" in the I Thessalonians verse** is the NETWORK of those who are pastoral leaders of churches. "The common good" in the I Corinthians verse includes all of us in pastoral care leadership. We have leadership responsibilities in common. Coming together to share our gifts will do us all good! **including you!**

*from the Network News*



Whatever you find this is good or bad, we need network. Can you write down why? or why not? Dr. Melvin wrote this with conference. To come at conference is one of important network of LPM churches. Join and learn from there. LPMI USA hold Intl conference last 30 years, and LPM Korea hold National conference 5 times. Byeong