

# MELVIN JOURNAL

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### DO YOU PRACTICE SIBKIS

*See It Big; Keep It Simple.*

"Hello, Mel. This is the Pope." This telephoned greeting from Florida delayed my response. What would you say? It turned out to be a Pope - Rev. Don Pope, pastor of Smyrna Baptist Church in Smyrna, Ga. These Baptists!

He inquired about my coming for a Lay Pastors Seminar. In the course of the conversation, he asked, "Do you practice SIBKIS up there?" "What's that?"

"SIBKIS." "I don't know. Tell me what SIBKIS is. Maybe we do." **"See It Big; Keep It Simple"**. We believe in SIBKIS here. Do y' all?" I told him that we believe it, but that we do SIB better than KIS.

Do you believe SIBKIS and practice it? It is very important!!!! To see "Tend the Flock of God" and all that means is to really SIB. To structure a ministry by which lay people will do the tending and KIS is a challenge.

The acronym PACE is a SIBKIS description:

P - Pray daily, A - Available in time of need, C - Contact regularly, E - Example of a growing, through struggling, Christian.

As one lay person of the Ministry Group summarized after this ministry job description was formulated, "Lay people can understand it; they can do it, and when it is done they will know what they did."

Don Esa, Associate Pastor of Madeira Presbyterian Church in Cincinnati, told me they use the formula CARE: C – Contact. A – Available. R - Regularly pray. E – Example

If you are developing a Ministry, SIBKIS! If you have a ministry on line, when you do your evaluations, the SIBKIS'er you can make it, the better. While not losing sight of its bigness, the more simple it can be the better understood it will be, by both those who give care and those who receive it. And the more that will actually get done.

*from the **Network News***



This might be very helpful once you start this ministry! What's that mean to you and to them? As we know that, we need to know the both, PACE & LPM very well. Only to know one part is not enough which means we need to know here (PACE), and there (LPM), from 1 to 10, especially if we are ministry leader, then more effective and more productive. Byeong