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Yin-Yang of Lay Pastors Ministry (#25)

In Chinese philosophy, Ying & Yang describe how seemingly opposite or contrary forces may actually be complementary interconnected, and interdependent in natural world, and how they may give rise to each other as they interrelate to another.

Let me put this into our ministry. Lay Pastors Ministry is from the two Scriptures: Ephesians 4:11-12 (Lay Ministry) & John 21: 15-17 (Pastoral care). Most of seminaries opened classes and curriculums on the Lay Ministry and Pastoral Care far differently. Some schools open Counselling and Pastoral Care, but extraordinary, Dr. Melvin tried to put different one together which is Lay Ministry & Pastoral Care.

So in the beginning of LPMI USA putted the name, Lay Pastoral Care Ministry but later they changed it to Lay Pastors Ministry. In the beginning they focused on the ministry, Lay Pastoral Care Ministry but latter they focus on the People those who are doing the ministry, so Lay Pastors Ministry.

Anyway, Melvin tried to put contradiction of Yin-Yang together. Is that possible? Those two topics are very independent as its own, but when they get together, they make synergy. And also lets see that more in details. If we say only Lay Ministry, it is too abroad to grasp the concepts, it doesn't come into our hand, but when we put Pastor Care on there, and it becomes clear.

For instance, Hallelujah Church has been running the Academy of Lay Ministry for ten years but people didn't understand because it is clearly only through LPM/PACE conference, once they put together Lay Ministry and Pastoral Care, then they have the clear concept of the ministry. It was one of successful results of the conference. So the concept of Yin-Yang makes more helpful sometimes.