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LPMI USA to me (#28)

I have known LPMI USA for about 15 years, probably longer hours or short period of time. I love their structure, ministry system, especially working for national level of USA and also their commitment. Most of core team member are still working together even 30 years up to now. They supplied some significant training to the US churches...for Lay pastors and lay caregiving. As we know US churches focused on the clergy ministry because most of theological schools stress on the making, producing denominational clergy therefore, Lay Pastors Ministry is very new to them.

As a leader of LPM Korea I was able to work for LPM Korean churches for a long time because LPMI USA is there, encouraged me, and sometimes challenged me. Mainly I followed their ministry style approach system; I adapt them for administration of LPM Korea. Our ministry style is very similar to them as well and we are still close with them. The commitment of core members are excellent, I want to put their names here: Tom Corbell, Marie Parma, Else Rodland, Marianna Wigmann, and others, I couldn't remember all of core members, around 10 people, anyway they are still in the main structure.

Especially Tom Corbell, Else and Maria Parma have visited Korea for our conference to encouraged Korean churches, Lay Pastors and staff of LPM Korea. We have good times once they came here. To see them in person was a good impression to me and I can visit their conference and learned new things, tried to adapt new ideas to Korean churches in terms of Lay Pastors Ministry.

Whenever I go International conferences in the States, they come to airport, receive me in the airport and gave me accommodation which they arrange and prepared for my stay for a few days, especially one of host church's family: for instance, Kentucky, Pennsylvania, St. Louis, and Alabam. It's another unforgettable experience to travel: I see the real American family life, their culture, mindsets as a citizen, view point of Lay Pastors Ministry. Whenever I take a trip to LPMI USA they prepare home for my stay rather than stay at hotel.

They have done ministry for International, National, Regional and local churches, Perhaps I have exactly followed those approach style and system into Korean churches without

any problem; we can help Korean churches smoothly because we have seen the modeling with eyes.

And they still publish Network Newsletter Quarterly, it is useful for us, and they have done it last 30 years I mean, in the other way, they are and their ministry is getting old, they are wrestling what's the next stage, and so on.1) I mean they have done very well up to now but not prepared for the coming future sooner or later, they need more new network churches and more networking2) in the States. I think that's their challenge for them right now.