



Lay Pastors Ministry with Melvin University

Lecturing from the President Byeong

Lecture 9

(based on the experiences)



Hallelujah church & LPM Korea



I got to know Hallelujah Church in terms of Lay Pastors Ministry in the fall of 1999 right after formally opening LPM Korea Institute (July 1, 1999).

I sent fax to Rev. Sangbok David Kim, the senior pastor of Hallelujah Church who was prominent in Korea, to invite him as member of Theology Committee for our Institute because he had already Lay Ministry Academy in his church more than 10 years so I approached him to join with us.

Then he called me and asked for more materials on the Lay Pastors Ministry, and he was interested in this ministry and asked me to meet his associate pastor in a few days, then I met Rev. Jongtae Kim who was chief associate pastor at Yangje Torch Trinity Mission Center in November 1999. Rev. Jongtae said Hallelujah church people want to attend LPM International conference in the States so we went together to St. Louis International conference in the following year April 2000.

Since they came back from the States, they began to prepare for the National Conference in the following year, June 2001. Finally, the first Conference of Lay Pastors Ministry held at Hallelujah Church in Jun 2001: 1) It was a successful conference and was a really historical event in the Korean Christianity; 2) Most churches got to know about this ministry; 3) Our Institute started a stronger and more productive ministry since then. So I was so busy visiting churches and equipping them for the next many years.

I appreciated Rev. Sangbok David Kim and Hallelujah church, because we were working together as partners in ministry, between church and Institute. After successful conference, the church and our Institute work together very closely, they made synergy because they are local church, and we are para-church nonprofit organization, so it was really good combination for the common goal, "to equip the saints for the work of ministry," and we were happy and satisfied to work together.

They developed Lay Pastors Ministry, especially PACE Ministry at their church and made brand PACE in the church, about 6,000 people heard PACE almost every Sunday, every occasion in 10 years. It was really amazing, we LPM Korea also were busy to help Korea's local churches, and also many churches believed us, LPM Korea, and even I because they know we are working with Hallelujah Church and also with David Kim very closely and some believed LPM Korea and his church are one family.

Sometimes they see me as a person of Hallelujah church, it wasn't bad for me to approach, extend, expand, even overseas because people think I am working at Hallelujah Church as an associate pastor. Because we have an Institute, and we had a good relationship with the church which implies becoming a model of Partners in ministry as a local church with a para-church organization.

On the way we work together, Hallelujah church helped us financially since 2000, they helped our Institute more than 10 years until he retired (probably in the year 2010 at age of 70), LPM Korea were working for churches without any big financial problem, and also they helped us personally, very supportive. It was the heyday of our ministry. Even right after the Conference, they opened PACE Training Center in the church and more than 1000 lay pastors were commissioned, in the end they worked for every corner in the church as a PACE minister, I can say, it was a really successful case.

And the PACE Training Center and our Institute work together more cooperatively, we grew together, helped each other, shared resources with each other and they have bought and used our translated textbook at their Center for more than 10 years, which was very helpful for our Institute's financial states. On the way, I read the book *The Prospering Para-church* which I got a lot of ideas to adapt to our own ministry. Through a good relationship with Hallelujah, I also got manpower from them, Rev. Jongtae Kim, Kwangsup Jung, Haekyung Yoon, and staffs of PACE Training Center and more excellent people joined to LPM Korea to work together for more than 10 years, that's why LPMKorea ministry was growing and helped hundreds of churches in the next 10 years.

Then through the years, my leadership was enhanced, our staff grew, overseas ministry was expanded to many countries.