How to Promote the Growth of the MCF

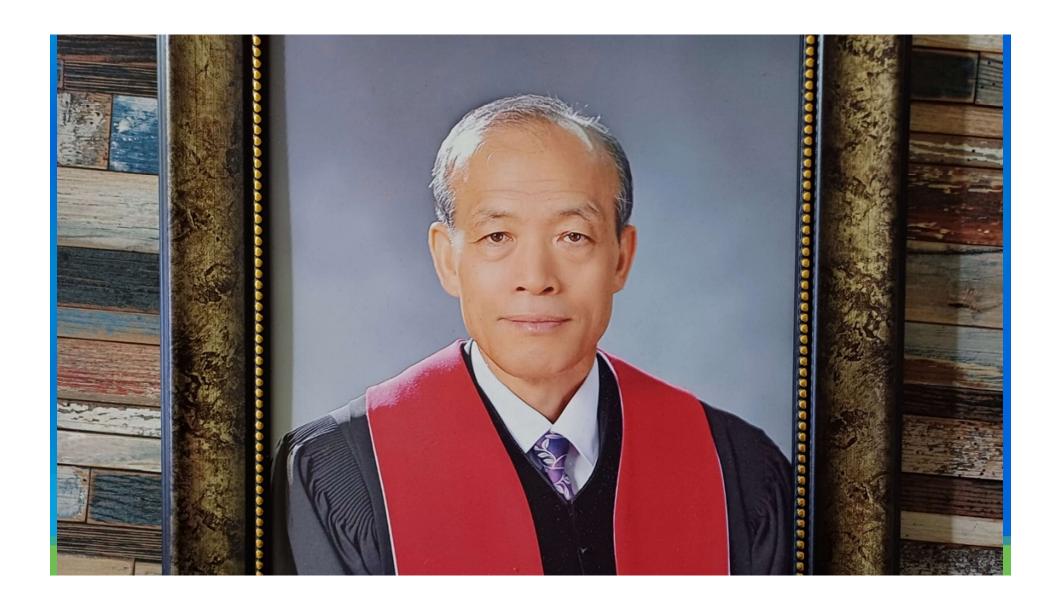
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Time Schedule

- 1. Greetings and Introduction: 4 min
- 2. The History of Korean Christinity
 - (video): 6 min
- 3. How to Promote the Growth of the MCF:
 - 25 min
- 4.Participant's Opinion(3): 10 min
- 5. Personal Testmony by LTC(Ret) Lee: 10 min
- 6. Questions and Answers, Conclusion: 5 min

Total

60 min

The History of Korean Christianity



How to promote the growth of the MCF

Why do we want to establish and grow the MCF?

Fulfillment of "Bless the service men and women of all nations, and grant that we may be filled with your love and pass it on to others...".

- Spreading Good News of God to servicemen and women
 - Filling with God's love
 - Passing it on to others in the military communities of every nation

National MCFs and individuals seek to carry out Great Commission.

"Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age." (Matthew 28:19~20)







How to Establish and Grow national MCF?

Praying to Grow national MCF

Reaching out

Meeting together

Communicating

Teaching and Encouraging

Cooperating

Points to Note

- MCF is not a new denomination or church.
- It does not take members away from a church or chapel. On the contrary it allows the church a missionary outreach into the military establishment.

- Military Christians are encouraged to give their very best in their duty and service for the glory of God. (Colossians 3:23)
- Military services is not incompatible with Christianity.
- The MCF can be a great asset to the

chaplain.

Key Points of MCF Establishment and Growth Activities

A Passion for God.

Jesus replied:

"Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind."

- These activities generally fall into one or more of the practices of the early church.
- Principal objectives of an MCF:
 - 1) Carrying out the Great Commission with the Armed Forces
 - 2) Helping members reach spiritual maturity

How to Explain the MCF to Others

- The MCF is non-political organization and not a new denomination or church.
- It is totally independent, autonomous, and financially self supporting.
- It does not take members away from a church or chapel.
- Military services is not incompatible with Christianity.

- The commander should be informed of MCF activities
- MCF members support and enrich chaplain's program.
- MCF membership includes active/retired military and paramilitary Christians.

How to Become Associated with the AMCF?

- Any MCF may request association with the AMCF by indicating its intentions to any AMCF officer, or staff members of principal supporting organizations(ACCTS, MMI, MSO)
- A certificate of association is issued if desired
- Those associated with the AMCF are encouraged to work together

How to Promote the Growth of MCF?

- MCF can grow if it prays for, plans for, works toward its growth, reaches out to accomplish the Great Commission, and does not have a terminal illness.
- Therefore, MCF should grow in size, in effectiveness, and in out-reach.

How to Promote the Growth of MCF? The basic tasks include

- 1. Increasing its membership,
- 2. Establishing local chapters,
- 3. Making MCF healthy, and
- 4. Challenging its members to reach out

1. Increasing the membership of MCF

- 1) Locating military Christians and leading them to join MCF
 - seek for and contact military Christians
 - persuade them to join MCF
- 2) Evangelizing military unbelievers and inviting them to join MCF
 - direct evangelistic approach
 - indirect evangelistic approach
 - compound evangelistic approach

2. Establishing local chapters

- When you identify a few members in the same geographic area, encourage them to gather together regularly and then help them establish a local chapter.
 - The first step is to identify core group.
 - The second step is to assist in establishing a local chapter.
 - The third step is to associate with them.

Establishment of BN MCF

- Major Goal of Korean MCF
- 30 % of BN level units currently have their MCFs.
- The Objective: all BN level units have their MCFs in 5 yrs.
- Requires KMCF, KVMCF and MSO support.
- Needs the help of BN Chaplain and BN Cdr.
- Starts with Bible Study during lunch time.
- Needs providing good understanding of BN MCF. (morale, friendship, leadership, discipline)



Growth of BN MCF

- Start with minimum number of Soldiers.
- Enlarge the numbers gradually.
- Introduce MCF to the newcomers.
- Establish the bylaws.
- Support BN Chaplain and help each other.
 (worship service, discipline training, etc)
- Help adjacent BN to establish an MCF.

- The President of Div MCF requests and supports the establishment of MCF at every BN level unit.
- BN level MCF focuses on the evangelism of the whole soldiers of BN.

3. Making MCF healthy

- MCF functions as an organization.
- When MCF becomes healthy, its members work together to accomplish its mission. It grows naturally.
- Therefore, MCF leaders should lead all members to participate in MCF activities, emphasizing evangelism.

- Typical MCF activities include learning-andteaching doctrine, fellowship, prayer, worship, and evangelism.
- Learning and teaching doctrine:
 - Bible study, nurturing new believers, leadership/discipleship training, lectures/ seminars/workshops

Fellowship:

 The "buddy system", social activities, sharing meals, retreats, conferences, communication, sharing personal stories

Prayer:

Prayer meetings, Intercessory prayer group ministry,
 Pray-and-Plan

- Worship:
 - Worship service, Communion service
- Evangelism:
 - A direct/an indirect evangelistic approach

4. Challenging members to reach out

- When members are content with their small intimate community, they may miss the Great Commission mandate.
- When military Christians place a priority on personal comfort in MCF activities, they develop their own comfort zones, resisting any attempt to be moved out of the comfort zones.

Therefore, MCF leaders should challenge them to move out of their comfort zone and to reach out to lost soldiers.

Participant's Opinion(3)

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Personal Testmony

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Questions &

Answers

Conclusion

- 1. The Establishment and Growth of MCF should be gradual, and it should be the highest goal of AMCF.
- 2. All of the above information is representative of what can be done.

- 3. The Most important activity of MCF is the frequent, regular gathering of members in small groups for prayer.
- 4. Entire MCF movement is His and for His glory and He is with us.
- 5. We are "All one in Christ Jesus" .(Galatians 3:28)

Thank You, God Bless You!