

Elders Quorum Connection

Way back when, I was Elders quorum president, saw a need and had an idea to create a meeting known as the Elders quorum connections.

I had envisioned a group of individuals meeting to learn a specific task; like tuning up a lawn mower at the beginning of the season, such as sharpening and balancing the blade(s), changing the oil, etc. or more recently, fixing a gas dryer by replacing the gas valve solenoid coils and igniter unit.

To accomplish this vision:

Someone would have a need for help with a project.

Someone would have the skills/tools to help with the project

Someone would be willing to help do the project.

Everyone interested in learning how to do the project participates, even if only to observe.

All are edified and this increases the self-reliance capability of the group.

When proposed to the Elders quorum, one person, in particular, opposed the idea as he didn't want to go to another meeting. To show that Heavenly Father has a sense of humor, that person was later called to be the Bishop of a ward.

I suggest that such a meeting be proposed in our EQ to increase our level of self-reliance and sustainability.

I had previously suggested a tool loaning scenario to provide a resource of specialty tools to help those with a need who may not be able to afford to go out and buy what might possibly be one-time use tools.

I have a resource of such tools I would be willing to loan out for projects along with skills in electrical, mechanical, plumbing and other areas of self-reliance. I also have a resource of various components such as kits of faucet washers, heat shrinkable electrical tubing (which have many other uses besides electrical), cotter pins, etc. Most people only have a need for one or two of these items, which I am willing to part with. The question remains, what happens if the tools are damaged, to which I say, it is what it is, and move on. All of my tools are expendable. Perhaps others might feel the same way.

The question of training, safety, etc. will have to be reconciled with members of the quorum with experience helping those who need it.

This is my proposal to the ward. I will also propose it to the Stake Welfare and Self-Reliance Committee meeting on the 10 th of December for feedback and refinement.

Respectfully Submitted,
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