

The Value of Fellowship

We hear a lot these days about networking. This term refers to the people in our lives – relatives, friends, associates – who are part of our emotional and physical support base. They are the people we can count on for help. When we face some adversity, or grieving, they are the ones who stand by us.

The idea of networking is closely akin to the Christian concept of fellowship. It transcends racial, social, economic and sexual differences and unites a wide variety of people in the worship and service of Christ.

The true nature of Christian fellowship may be clarified by contrasting the use of two German words. The first, *gesellschaft*, refers to people thrown together without deep ties, such as all the people riding the same bus. The second, *gemeinschaft*, refers to those with intimate ties of family or community.

That's the kind of environment we must have in the centers of Life Care and Century Park and in the work of Life Care at Home. We are involved in the same, noble mission. We need the fellowship of a community of associates who love, encourage, and pray for one another.

--Beecher Hunter