

Value/Benefits of Affiliation

- 1. <u>**Cluster Groups**</u> Monthly sub-regional groups for pastoral connection, mentoring, coaching and encouragement.
- MERG Gatherings Monthly/bi-monthly gatherings rotating around the region featuring experts – or gurus – in selected areas of ministry expertise. These half-day events are conducted in different locations to allow access for local pastors/leaders without unreasonable travel demands.
- 3. <u>Annual May Regional Gathering</u> Once a year region-wide 2½ day gathering for connection, encouragement and selected ministry-focused mentoring by guest speaker
- 4. <u>Website Listings</u> for network churches, both regionally and nationally
- 5. <u>Cultivation</u> of new church leaders
- 6. Church Ministry Intern Program
- 7. <u>Church Assessments</u> offered in 3 levels of engagement
- 8. Assistance and Coaching to churches in crisis
- 9. Leadership Book Summaries subscriptions
- 10. Mission Insight Demographic Studies
- 11. Network Access for Pastoral Candidates
- 12. <u>The Director's Picks</u> Weekly recommendations to pastors/churches of relevant, useful ministry topics
- 13. Non-Profit 501(c)-3 status certification
- 14. **Ordination Council** support and direction
- 15. *<u>Network Bible College/Seminary/Graduate School Affiliations</u> offering reduced tuition to network pastors
- 16. <u>Church Finance Consultations</u> available to Network churches via Regional Financial Advisor
- 17. Pastoral Care and Coaching
- 18. Church Revitalization Coaching
- 19. Church Planting Assistance and Coaching
- 20. National Network Tools and Information

*<u>Western Seminary</u> – Portland, OR
<u>Cedarville University</u> – Cedarville, OH
<u>Corbin University</u> – Salem, OR
<u>Lancaster Bible College</u> [pending] – Lancaster, PA