

Dear Friend,

You are one of those fairly rare people

1. Who have had technical training, at least a B.S. in science or engineering, and

2. Who is an ordained man presently in the ministry with at least a B.D. behind you. (Or you have a B.D. and though not ordained are fully employed in some Christian organization.)

Some others with similar backgrounds have recently met and decided that, few as we are, we ought to be able to accomplish something as unique as our interdisciplinary backgrounds by the simple technique of getting to know each other and discussing things within our particular fellowship.

Some of us met together in a Chinese restaurant early in December and worked out the following tentative "purpose" for a proposed "American Association of Engineers and Scientists in the Ministry." (This name is also tentative.)

"To develop fellowship and interaction between men in the ministry who have engineering or scientific backgrounds, to focus attention on areas of concern to the Christian church in which technical factors may be crucial, and to encourage critical, constructive, and practical analysis in these areas."

You will have received this letter from a friend. This kind of grapevine is the method we are using to contact all potential members. If you can think of a better one, please tell us. If you are interested in following developments, return the information asked for on the enclosed card. The tentative address is merely that of one of those that met in the restaurant; there is no organization of any kind sponsoring this, though we hope an organization will come out of it.

You can see that everything is tentative! A great deal depends on your interest and willingness to collaborate in getting copies of this letter out to others who are potential members. As names come in, we'll periodically send out the new total membership so that we'll not be enlisting people twice, and so that we can all see how far we are progressing. Don't delay on this! Organic growth is awfully slow beginning; let's not let it be slower than necessary. Growth (G) will likely be some kind of an inverse function (C = a constant) of your reaction time (r), e.g.:

$$G = \frac{C}{r}^n$$

Don't hesitate to send us your comments and suggestions of any kind, positive or negative. We hope to get out a bulletin in which ideas and thoughts can be shared with the whole group.

Cordially yours in Christ,

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