



1. I really think that our Homes should get together in an area for at least a monthly Fellowship Day. Now we're having Fellowship Days weekly on Sunday within individual Homes, but I see the great need of a Monthly Fellowship Day of all of the Homes in an area who could possibly get together for that, who are close enough that it would be possible for them to come in for just one Sunday a month & meet together in some Home or banquet room or a rented hotel meeting-room or whatever would be sufficiently commodious & convenient.

2. Perhaps Area Fellowship Meetings would be a good name for them, because they would vary greatly in size. Some of the areas would be just one city of several Homes, others where the Homes are scarce & there might be only one Home in each city in an area, then the area would consist of several cities. Where there were several Homes in one city, the area would consist of just that one city.

3. We still feel there's a great need for more fellowship between the Homes, not only just in the Homes. Normally all of us have good fellowship within our Homes, especially the co-op Homes of two or more families, but some Homes are quite isolated & lonely & really hungry for fellowship. So I think really a once-a-month Sunday Fellowship Day for the Area, an Area Fellowship Day perhaps the first Sunday or Saturday of each month, would be a good choice.

4. A Local Fellowship Meeting would consist of the same

type of meeting as is held in the average Home on Fellowship Day: Prayer, fellowship, praise, singing, testimonies, videos, showing pictures of other Homes & of the various local ministries, their Homes in action, the kind of things we like to see on the videos.

5. It would also be a very good time for the individual Home heads to perhaps have separate meetings aside from their flocks, private meetings to discuss the major problems of individual & collective Homes & discuss needs & procedures & projects & plans of witnessing & how to take a new city or how to pioneer a new area, which will require joint cooperation & help & financing etc.

6. It would be a marvelous opportunity for the heads of the Homes to get together, the shepherds of the various Homes, husbands & wives, in this case without the children & without the helpers etc. Possibly if there are quite a large number of people it's easier to discuss things in sort of an Area Committee Meeting. You could call it the Area Action Committee or the Area Fellowship Committee—in other words, just the heads of the Homes, the husband & wife or individual heads of each Home to meet together in a sort of executive session with the local VSs, if there are some.

7. And if there is not a local VS, there's no reason on Earth why an area cannot elect at such a meeting their own Local Area Shepherd. I'm fully in accord & agreement, in fact even enthusiastic about this suggestion which has been coming in from various sources.

8. Some areas are very scattered & perhaps even once a month would be too much for individual Homes in scattered cities to make the journey to some geographical center centrally located between them all, to have a monthly Fellowship Meeting. Then they could at least have a Quarterly Fellowship Meeting, at least once every three months, perhaps the first Sunday of every calendar Quarter, of every three-month period of the year.

9. That way you could have 'm the first Sunday of January, the first Sunday of the first quarter of the year, of January, February & March. Then the first Sunday of April, first Sunday of July, first Sunday of October etc., at least meeting together