

Dynamics of Ministry
Four Bridges Ministry (4b)

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Matthew 28:19 NAS

*The aim of Four Bridges Ministry
is to **make disciples** of the Lord Jesus Christ.*

Making disciples involves:
much Bible knowledge
many practical applications
(vertical and horizontal)
plenty of interaction with people.

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online.*

All nations are online today.

More people use the Internet every year.

The World Wide Web is an ever expanding mission field.

• And He (Jesus) gave some as apostles, and some as prophets, and some as evangelists, and some as pastors and teachers, **for the equipping of the saints for the work of service, to the building up of the body of Christ;** until we all attain to the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a mature man, to the measure of the stature which belongs to the fullness of Christ.

Ephesians 4:11-13

***The aim of Four Bridges Ministry
is to make disciples of the Lord Jesus Christ
online and equip them to make disciples offline.***

Every believer online knows dozens of others offline.

- (Jesus said)
you shall be My witnesses
both in **Jerusalem**
and in Judea and Samaria,
and even to the remotest part of the earth.

Acts 1:8 NAS

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is to make disciples of the Lord Jesus Christ
online and equip them to make disciples offline
(especially in the Dallas / Fort Worth Metroplex,
which is our Jerusalem to be His witnesses).*

- (Jesus said)
Behold, I say to you,
lift up your eyes
and look on the **fields**,
that they are white for harvest.

John 4:35 NAS

Fields

- Seeing the people,
He (Jesus) felt compassion for them,
for they were distressed and dispirited,
like sheep without a shepherd.

Matthew 9:36 NAS

Fields

- Then He (Jesus) said to His disciples,
The harvest is plentiful,
but the workers are few.

Matthew 9:37

Workers

Fields

- He (Jesus) told His disciples to
Therefore beseech the Lord of the harvest
to send out workers into His harvest.

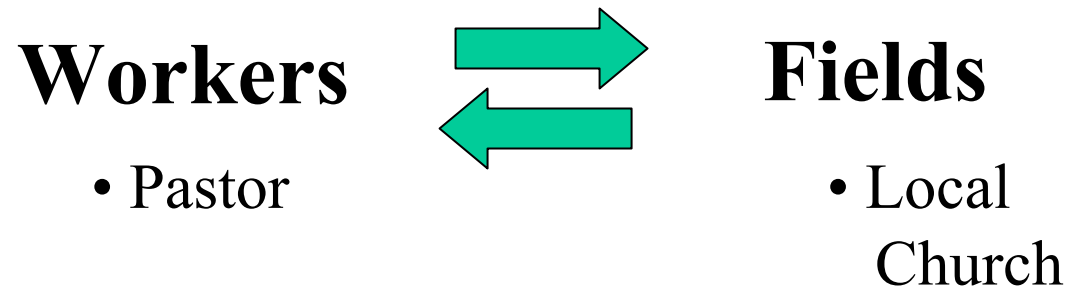
Matthew 9:38

Workers



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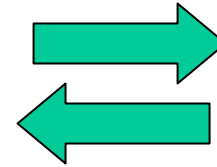
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- The larger the church, the more staff can be hired.

Workers

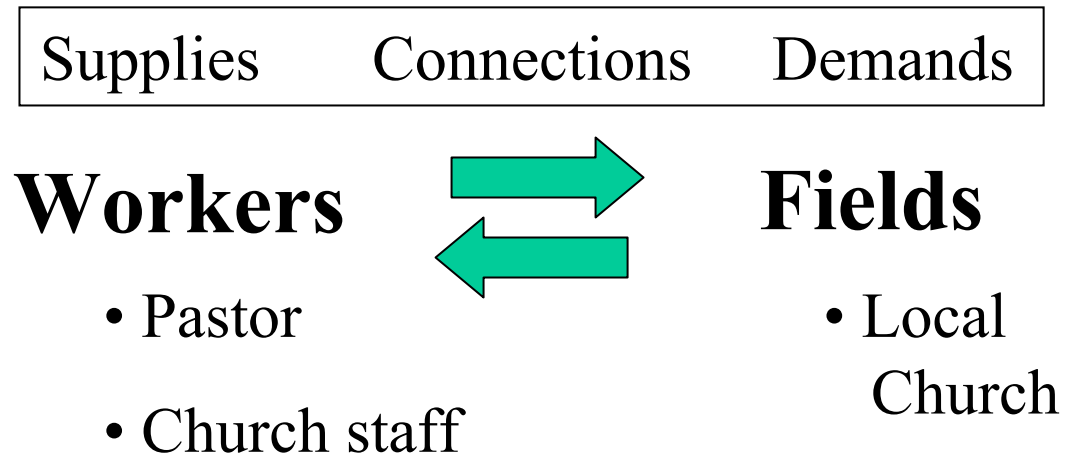
- Pastor
- Church staff



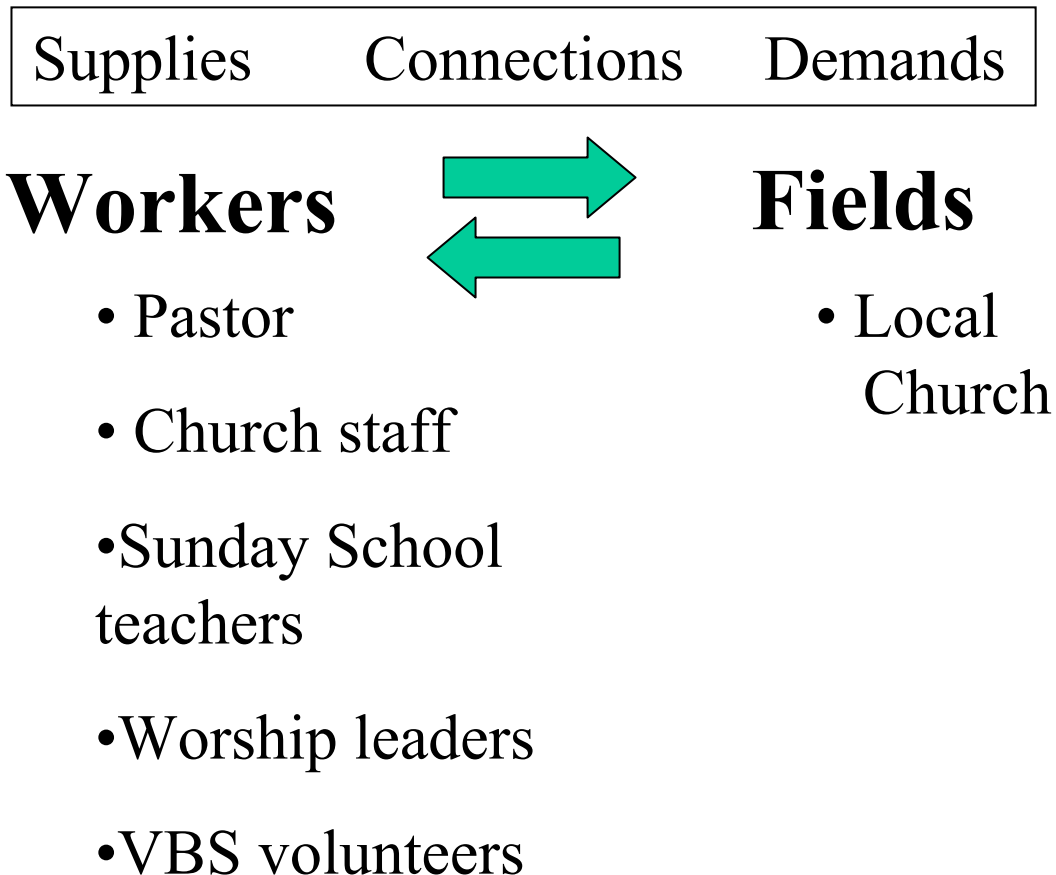
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- Local Church

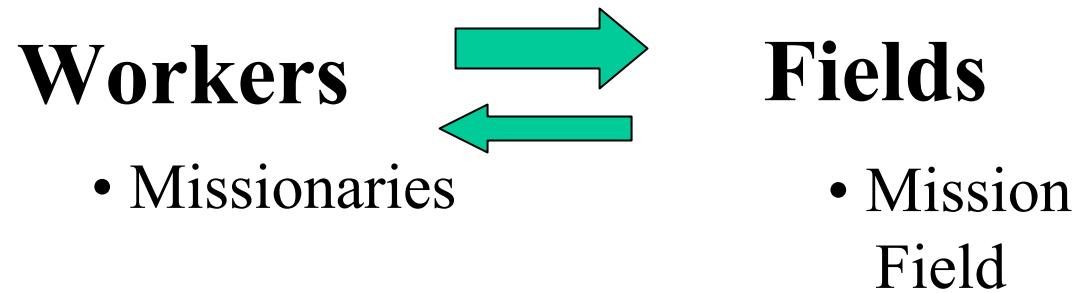
- This is a self contained system
where demands and supplies are connected
and no outside help is needed.



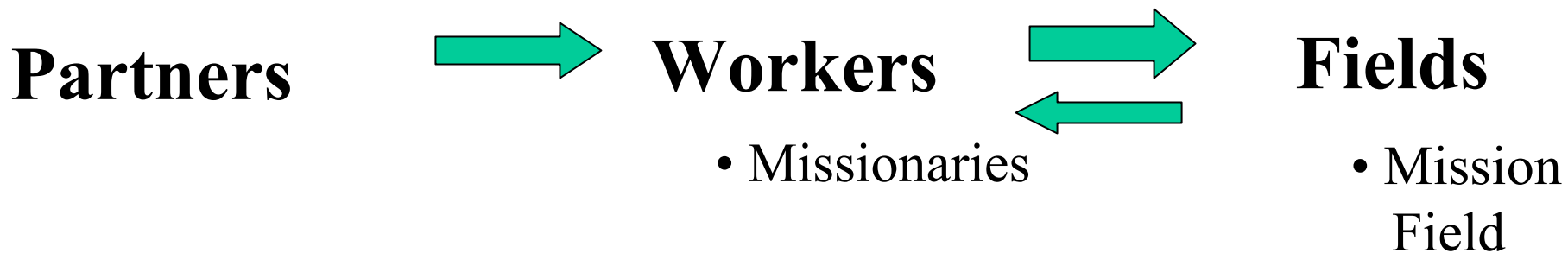
- The local church has other kinds of workers too.



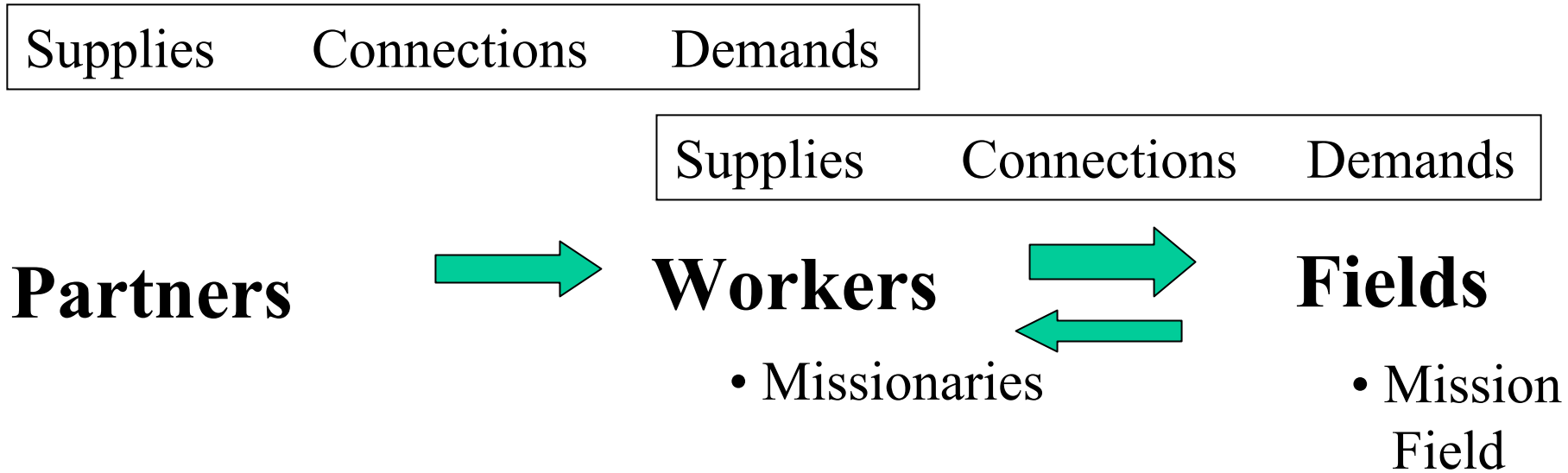
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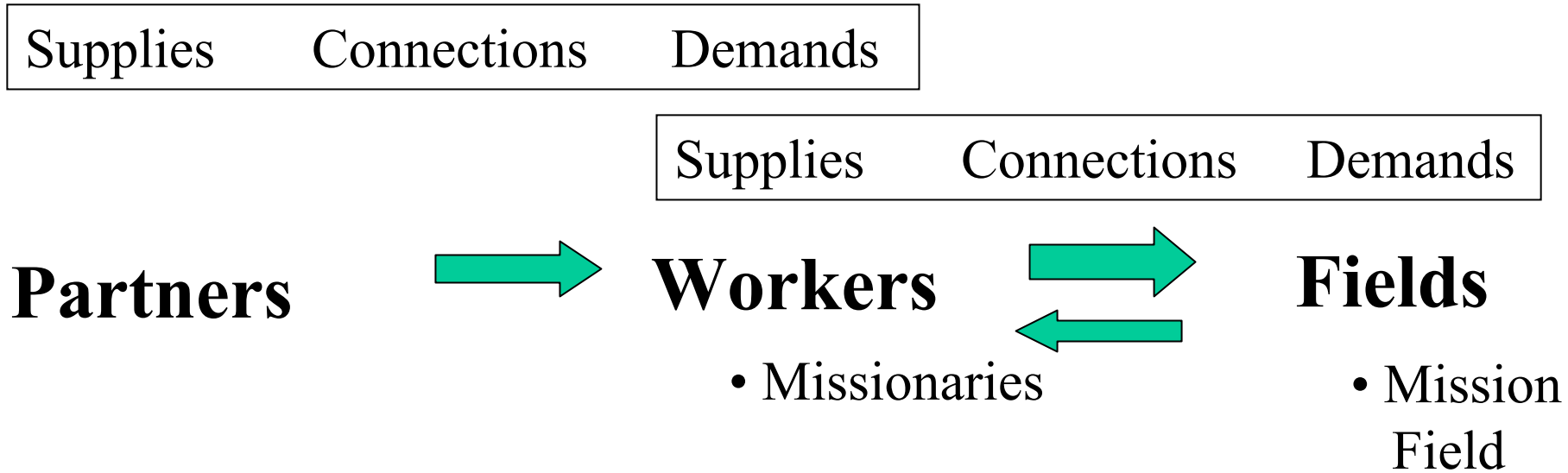
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- Usually missionaries supplement their income through donations from Partners.



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- Therefore giving is a spiritual ministry.



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Workers

- Church Planter



Fields

- Unreached community

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- Church planters build their membership with evangelism.

Workers

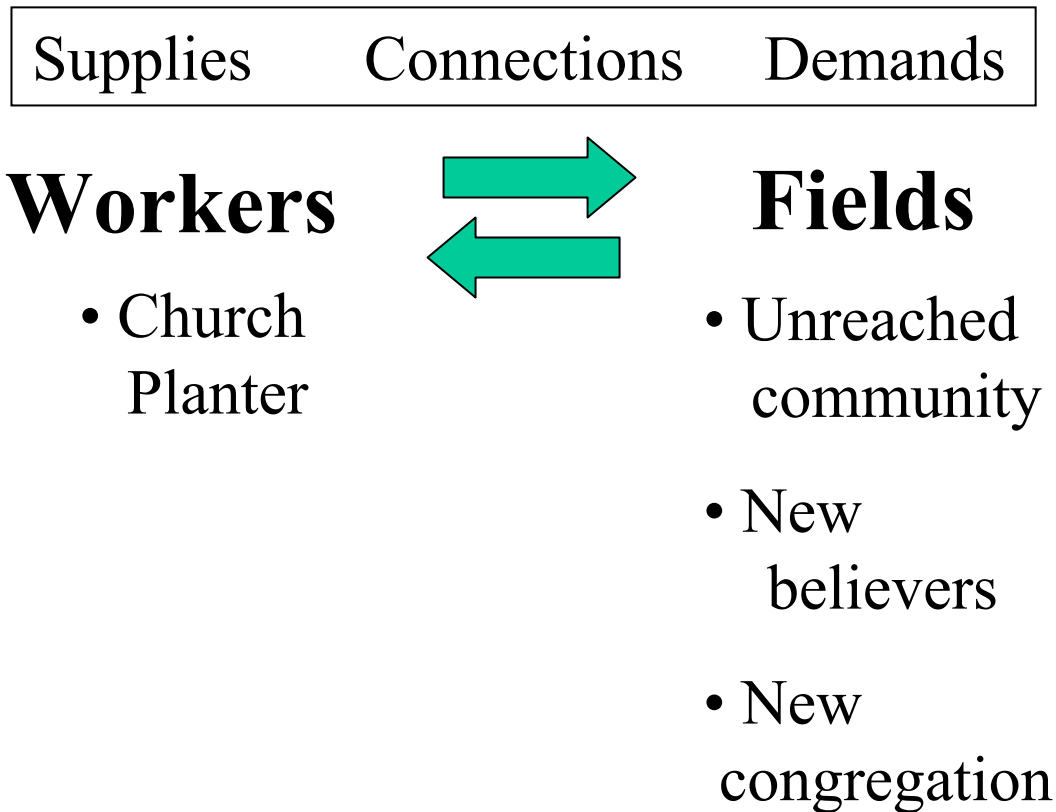
- Church Planter



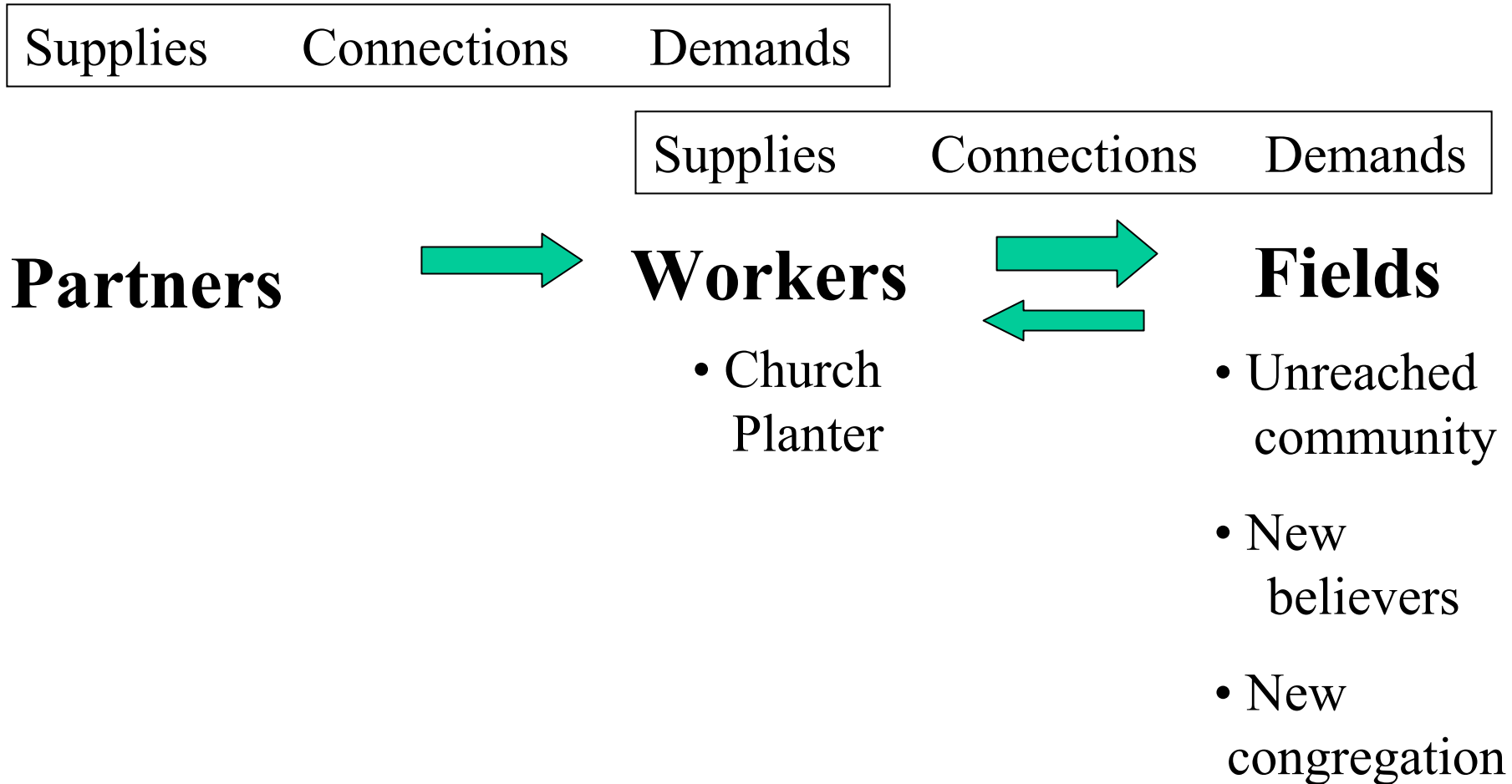
Fields

- Unreached community
- New believers

- Church planters normally need 100 members to pay the pastor and rent a meeting place.



- It can take months or years to reach 100 members.
- Meanwhile, Partners are very helpful.



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Workers

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Students

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in the USA.
- Usually they do not have such schools
in their home country.

Workers

- International
Students

- Most international students have had extensive church leadership roles like
pastor
church planter
youth director
Bible college professor

Workers

- International
Students

- After graduation they will return to their home country and influence church leaders for decades to come.

Workers



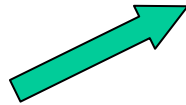
Fields

- International Students

- Church leaders
- All over the globe
- For decades to come

- International students
 - have student visa restrictions
 - cannot work off campus
 - cannot work more than 20 hours a week.

Employment

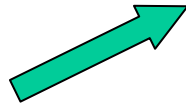


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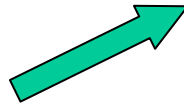
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- Their costs can run 16 to 18 thousand dollars a year.

Workers

Employment



- International Students

- Scholarships and other contributions make up the difference between income and needs.

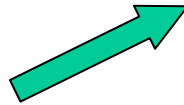
Supplies	Connections	Demands
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Partners



Workers

Employment



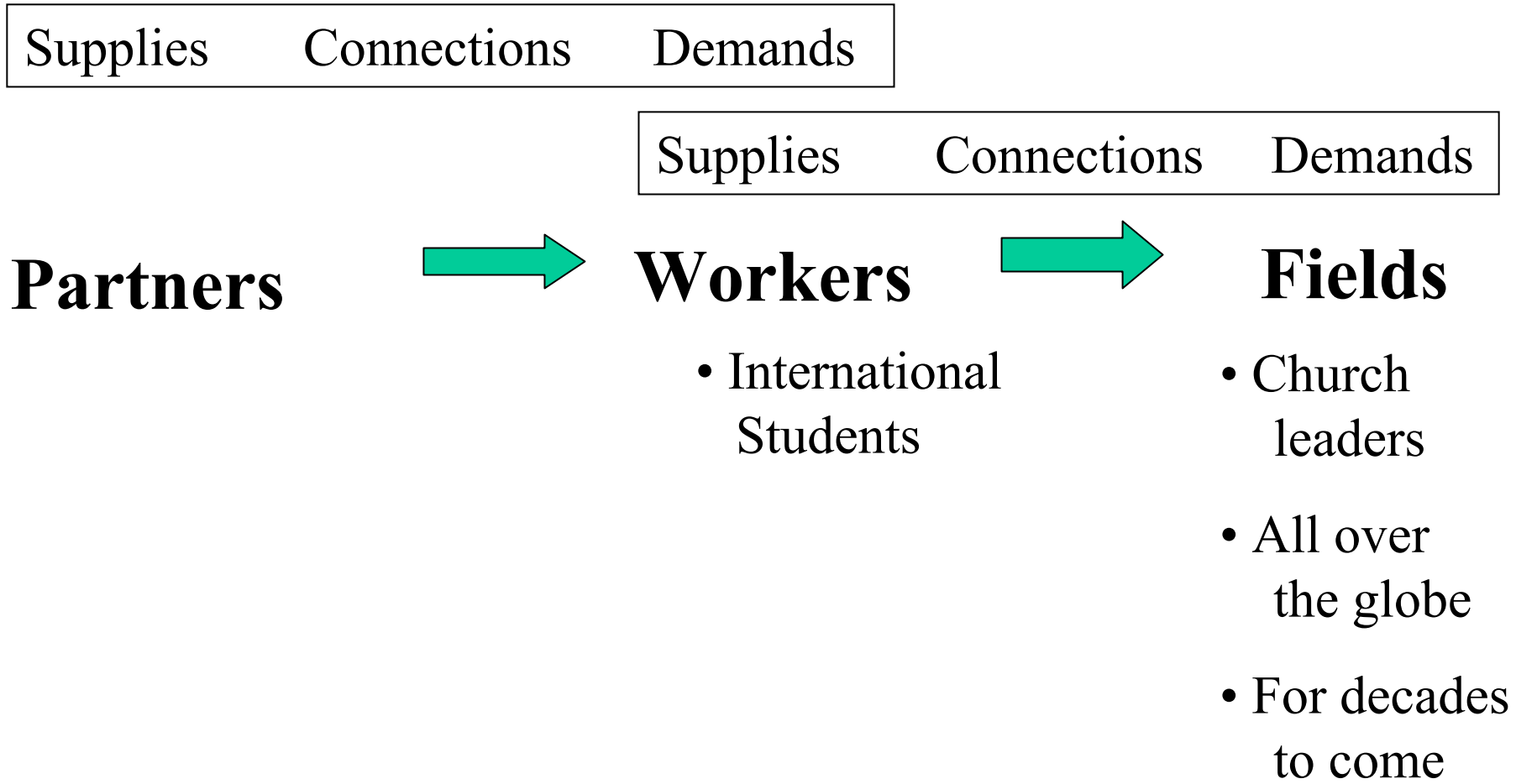
- International Students

- Among international students about
one third are here solo
one third are here with their spouse
one third are here with spouse and child(ren).

Workers

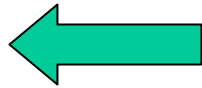
- International
Students

- Supporting international students is an excellent way to invest in the kingdom of God all over the globe.



- All Workers need to communicate with their support base.

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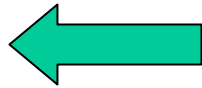


Workers

- Missionary
- Church
Planter
- International
student

- Such communication includes
 - prayer requests
 - testimonies of answered prayers
 - pictures
 - stories about what God has been doing
 - financial needs
 - lessons learned and insights gained.

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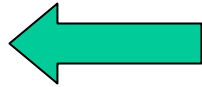


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- Such communication was previously by means of
newsletters
personal letters
visits
phone calls.

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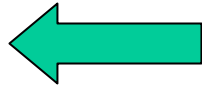


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- Such communication can now include
 - emails
 - email newsletters
 - web site
 - update video
 - update CD
 - update DVD.

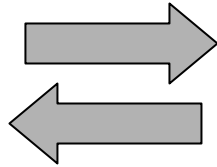
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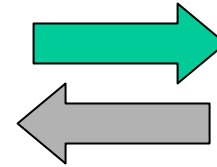
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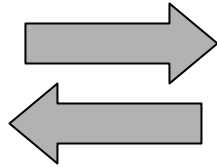
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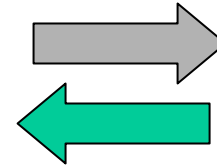
Fields

ALL believers
are ALWAYS Fields
that receive from
other Workers
(teachers, preachers, etc.)

Partners



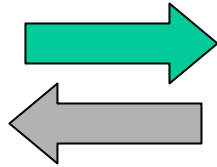
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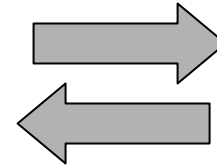
Fields

ALL believers
need to respect, honor
and respond to
those who
spiritually feed
and serve them.

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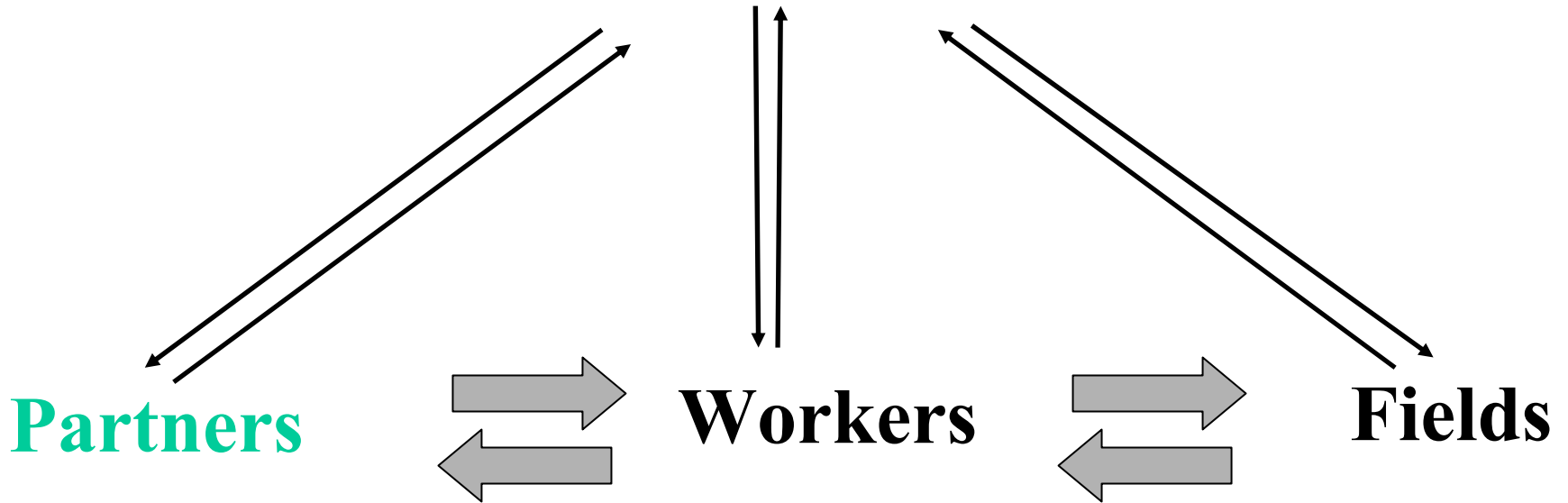
Workers



Fields

ALL believers
have the opportunity
and right to partner
with (support)
Workers.

Lord Jesus Christ



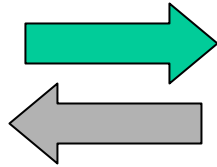
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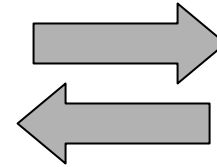
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- Intercessors
- Advisors
- Donors
- Volunteers
- Encouragers

Partners



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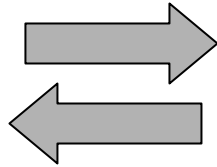


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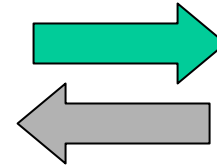
Possible forms of Partnership

- Prayers
- Encouragement
- Equipping
- Give things
- Volunteer
- Donate money.

Partners



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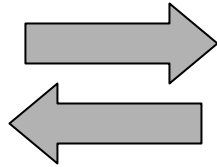


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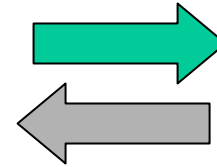
ALL believers
have been given
one or more **spiritual gifts**.

These are to be used
to serve the Body of Christ
and to evangelize.

Partners



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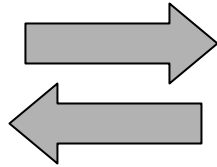


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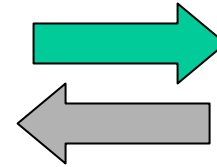
Spiritual Gifts

- Encouragement
- Helps
- Service
- Mercy
- Teaching

Partners



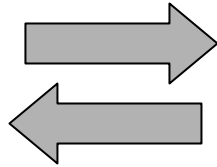
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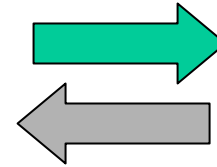
Fields

- Pastor
- Associate pastor
- Sunday school teacher
- Parents
- Radio Bible teachers
- TV preachers
- Best sellers in Christian book stores
- Surgeon
- Moody
- Luther
- Calvin

Partners



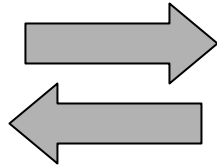
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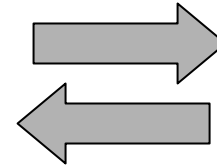
Fields

Pastor
Elder
Sunday school teacher
VBS worker
Missionary
Church planter
International student
Parent to child
Grandparent to grandchild
Aunt/uncle to niece/nephew
Volunteer at outreach
Minister at leadership conference
Incubator
Online lay institute
Books
Tapes
Videos

Partners



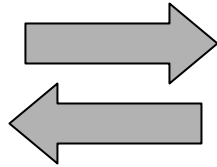
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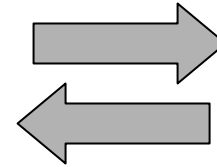
Fields

ALL believers
are ALWAYS
ambassadors for Christ.
The question is
“How well are they
representing their King?”

Partners



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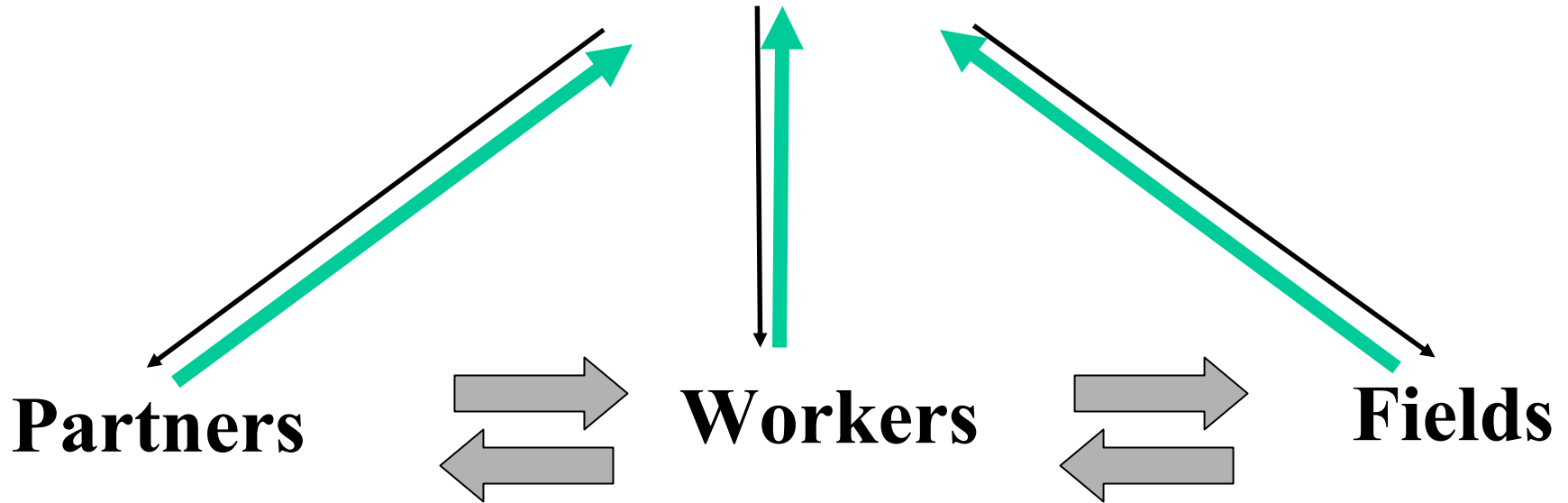


Fields

Incubator

- Future Missionaries
- International Students
- Future Church Planters

Lord Jesus Christ

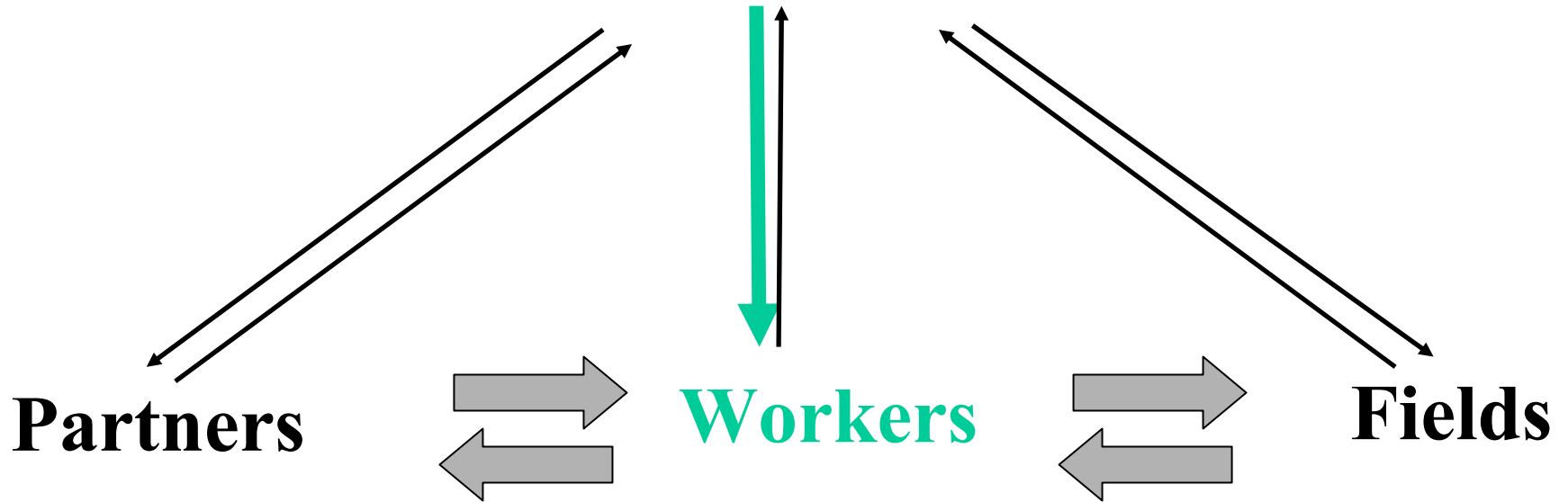


ALL people will eventually given an account to the Lord Jesus Christ.

He will justly judge and generously reward.

This is based on the stewardship of their Time, Talents and Treasure (things and money).

Lord Jesus Christ



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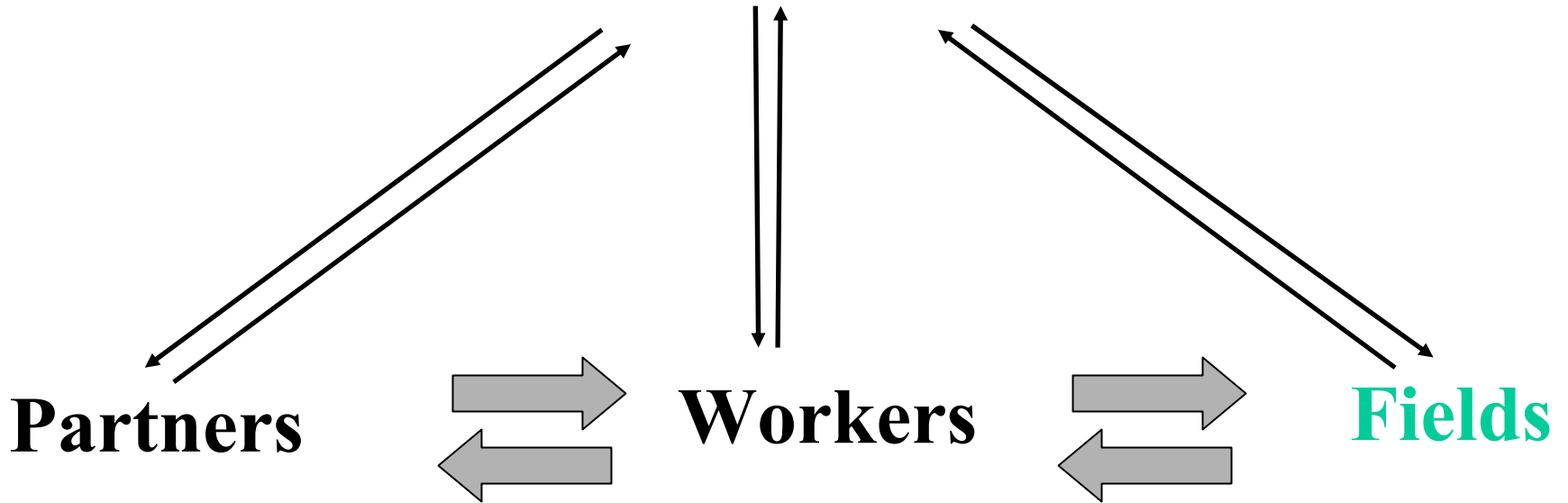
Workers

Fields

Each believer

- Greatest Commandment
- Great Commission
- Be His witnesses
- Ambassadors for Christ
- Salt of the earth
- Light of the world

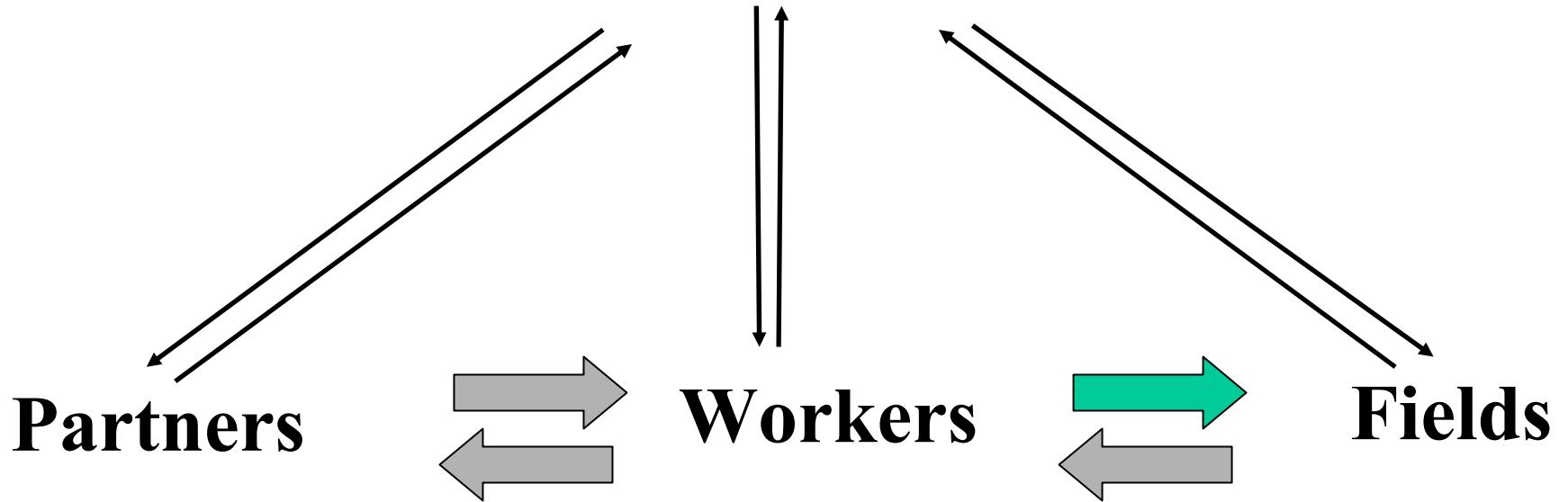
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Five Mission Fields

- Family
- Spheres of Influence
- Church
- City
- World

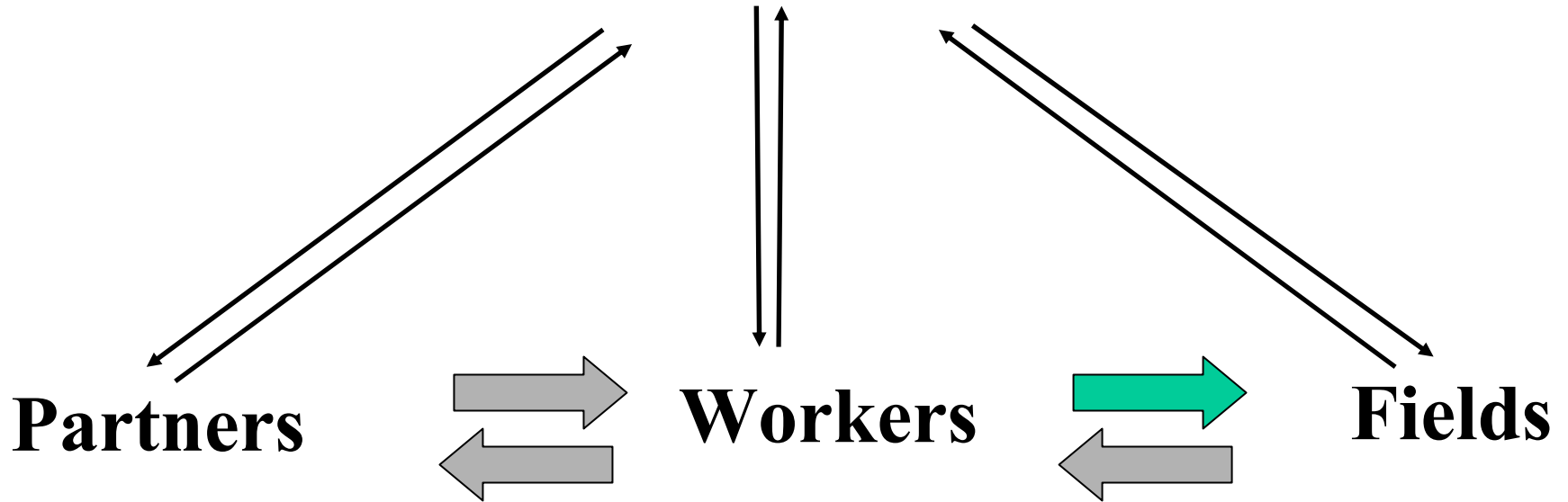
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Five Kinds of Ministry

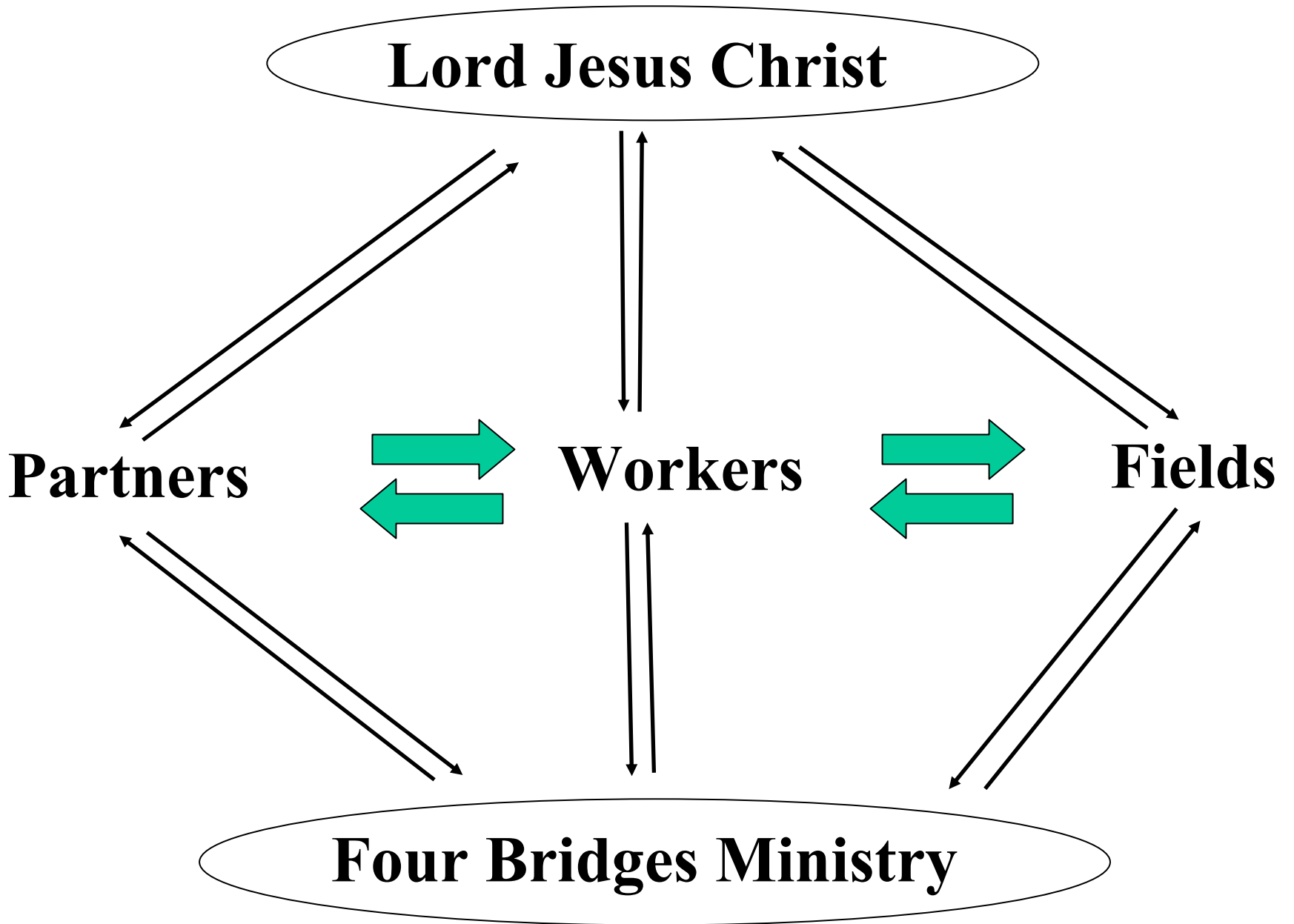
- Benevolence
- Evangelism
- Discipleship
- Church Growth & Planting
- Leadership Development

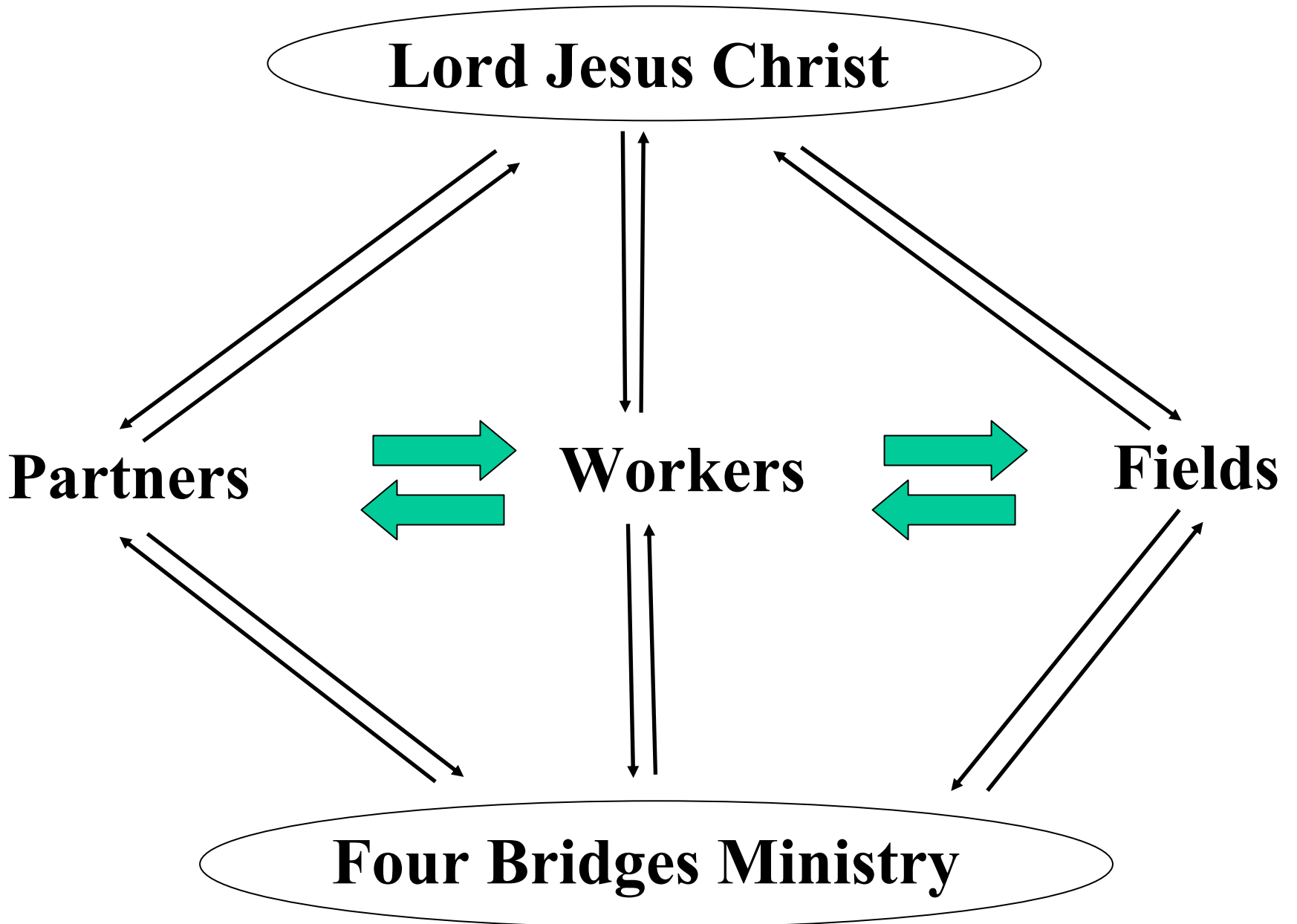
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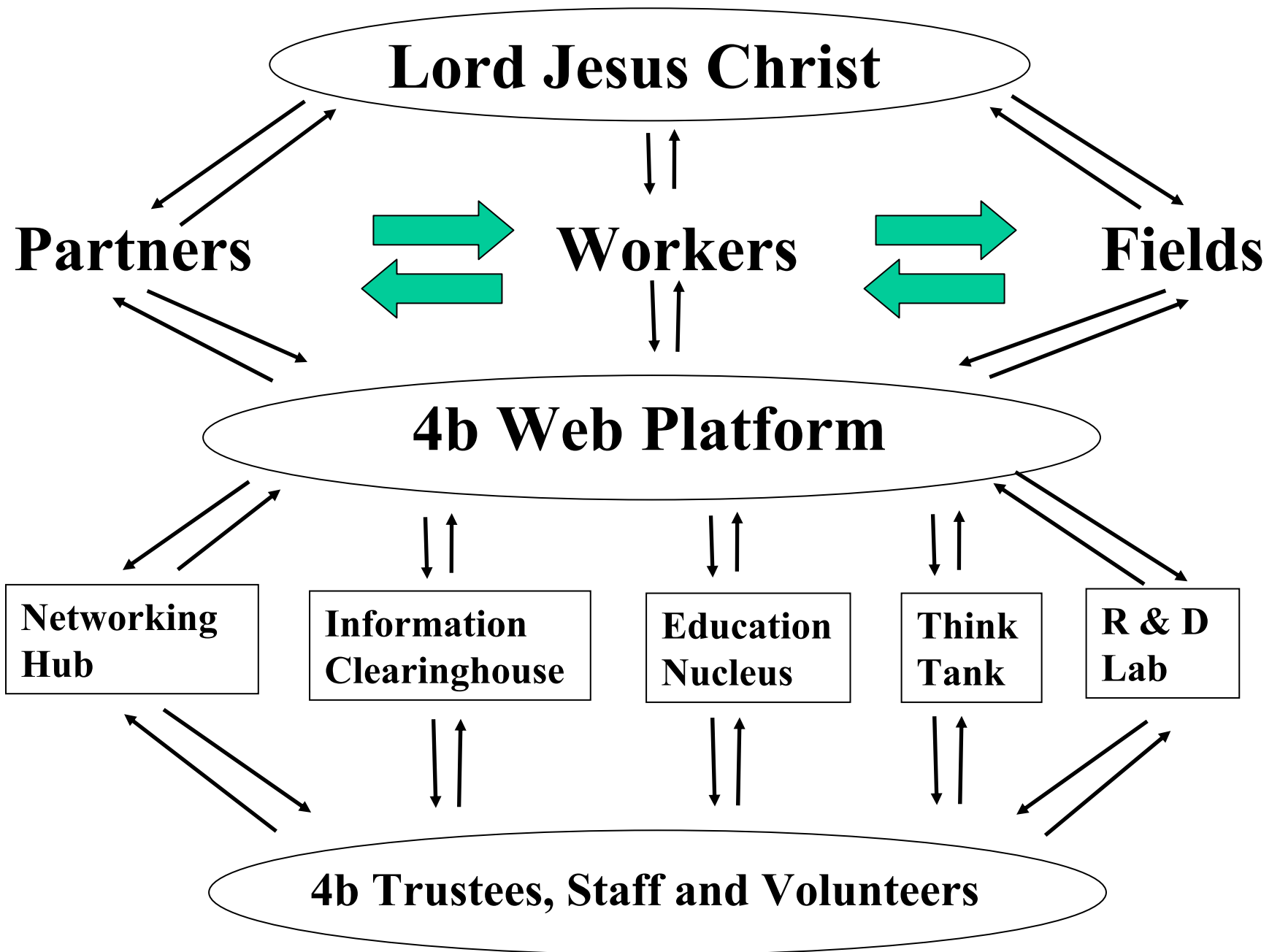
Five Kinds of Ministry

- Communicate truth in love
- Love one another
- Sow good seeds
- Water and care for seedlings
- Harvest and process the fruit

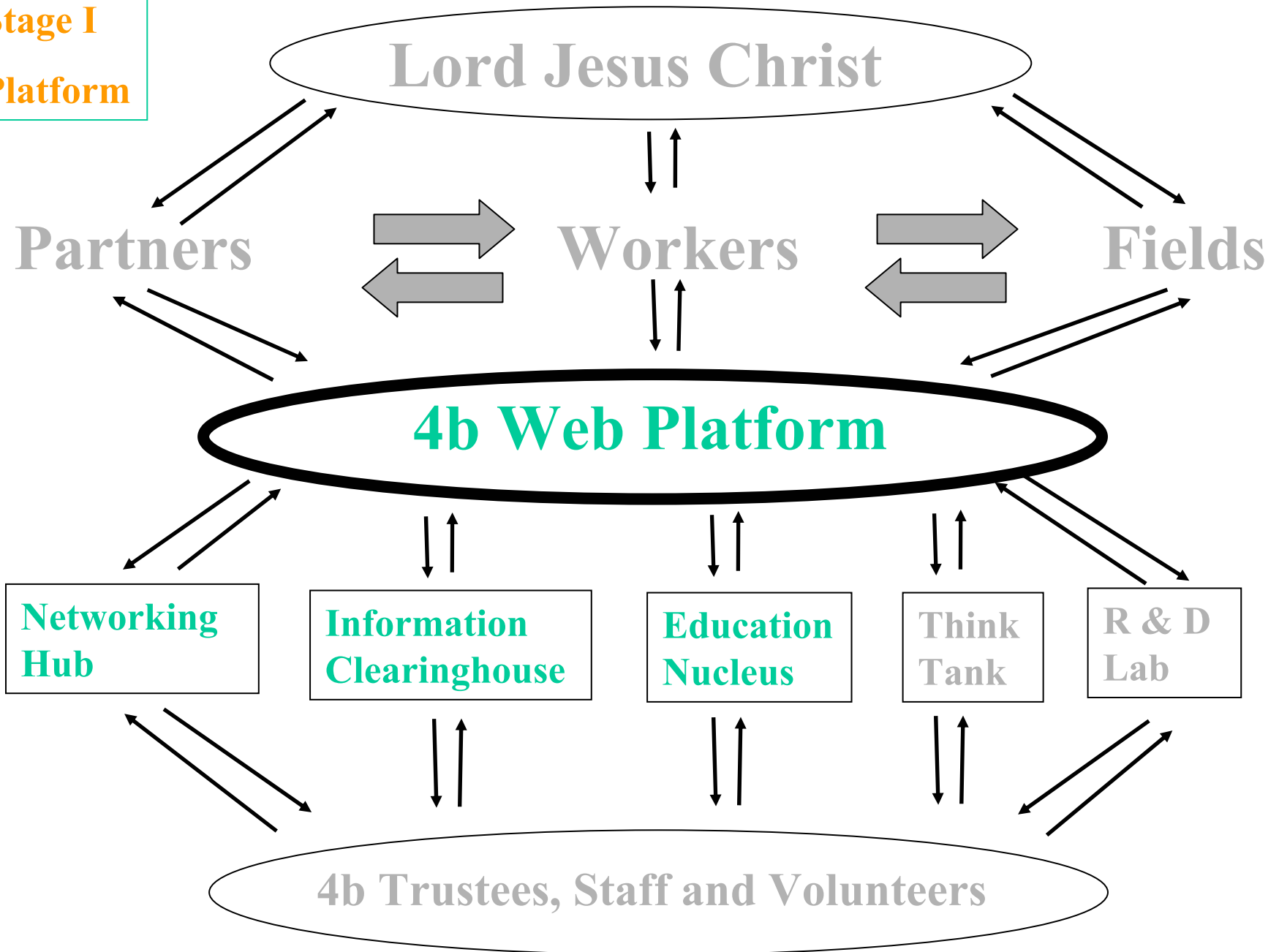




4b serves those who serve Jesus.



Stage I
Platform



Stage II

Reconiasance

Lord Jesus Christ

Partners

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4b Web Platform

**Networking
Hub**

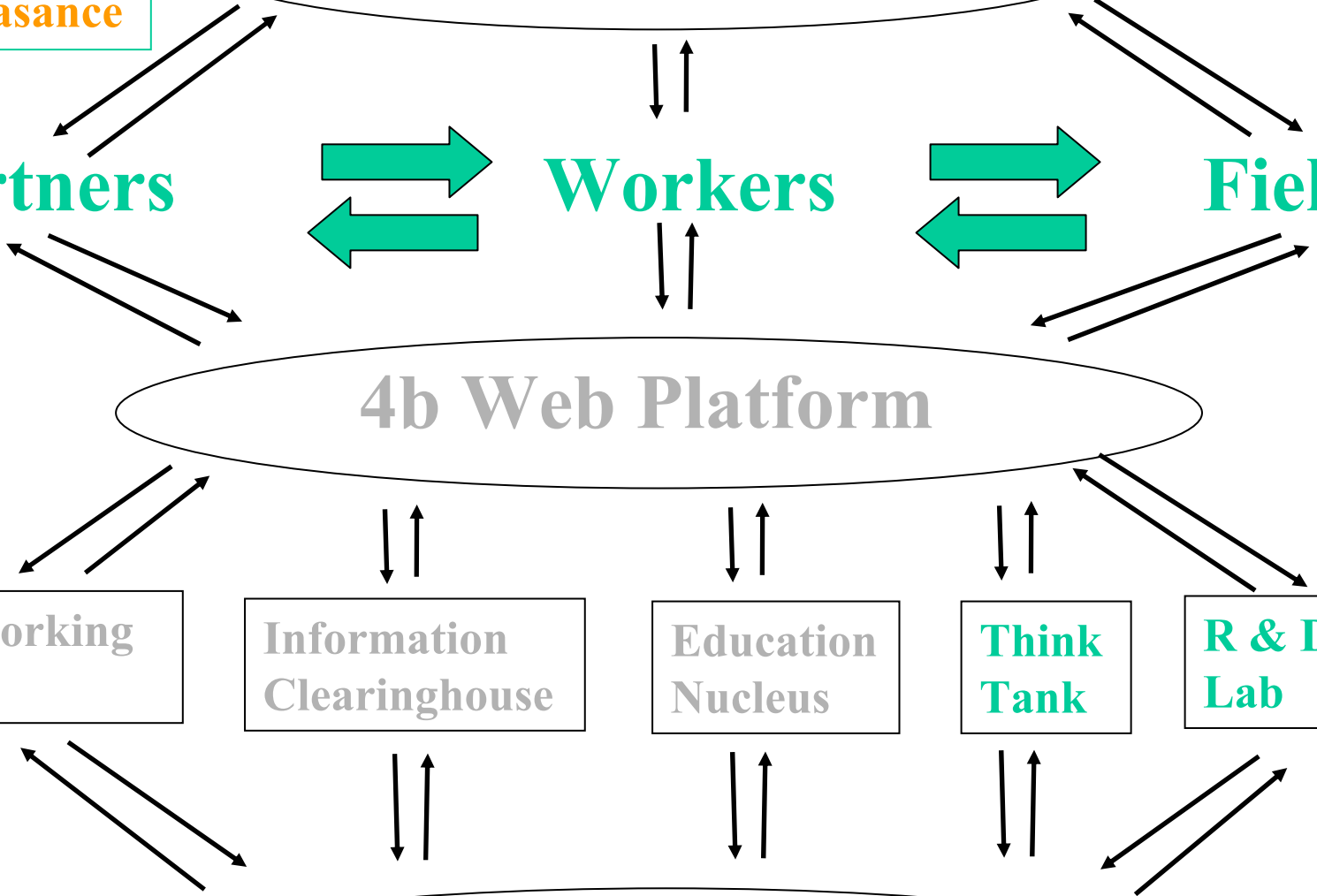
**Information
Clearinghouse**

**Education
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**Think
Tank**

**R & D
Lab**

4b Trustees, Staff and Volunteers



Stage III
Connections

Lord Jesus Christ

Partners

Workers

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