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**Local Conference Advance**

One Sabbath afternoon, a Texas pastor walked down a trail and discovered a large anthill. He knew the area often flooded, so he figured that these ants had built their home above the floodplain. His curiosity got the best of him, so he grabbed a stick and poked a small hole.

Part of the top area of the colony collapsed, and the ants rushed out in an offensive formation. First came the warriors to protect the perimeter. Following the warriors came the workers. The worker ants scouted the breach. Then they began touching antennae and went to work to close the breach.

The colony worked in unison. Each ant had his or her unique and specific task. It was an emergency, and all placed their backs into it, making sure they restored the nest.

We can learn a lot about how ants work as a team. They work as one body.

We are told in the Bible that we are the body of Christ “that there should be no schism in the body; but that the members should have the same care one for another. And whether one member suffer, all the members suffer with it; or one member be honoured, all the members rejoice with it. Now ye are the body of Christ, and members in particular.” 1 Corinthians 12:25-27

As a church, when we work together, we can move mountains for His glory. Let us work together today as we give toward our Conference Advance.