

STATUS, ROLES AND RELATIONSHIPS

Inter-personal Relationships

**STATUS: A SOCIAL POSITION
IN A GROUP OR SOCIETY.**

eg. mother, son, teacher,
doctor, missionary.

**ROLE: THE BEHAVIOR
PATTERNS EXPECTED OF
A PERSON OCCUPYING
A GIVEN STATUS.**

eg. a teacher in North America
is expected to take charge
of the class.

**"i AM . . ." (give ten nouns
telling us who you are)**

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NATURE OF ROLE RELATIONSHIPS

1. Roles are paired.
2. One status may lead to a set of roles.
3. Roles may be multiplex or simplex.
4. Roles are ascribed or achieved.
5. Roles are vertical or horizontal.
6. In life a person goes through a sequence of roles.

GROUP THESE INTO BROADER CATEGORIES

TEACHER

WIFE

SON

DOCTOR

PREACHER

DEFENDANT

WOMAN

STUDENT

MOTHER

HUSBAND

PREACHER

UNCLE

DAUGHTER

PATRON

LAWYER

AUNTIE

PATIENT

PARISHONER

ANCESTOR

FATHER

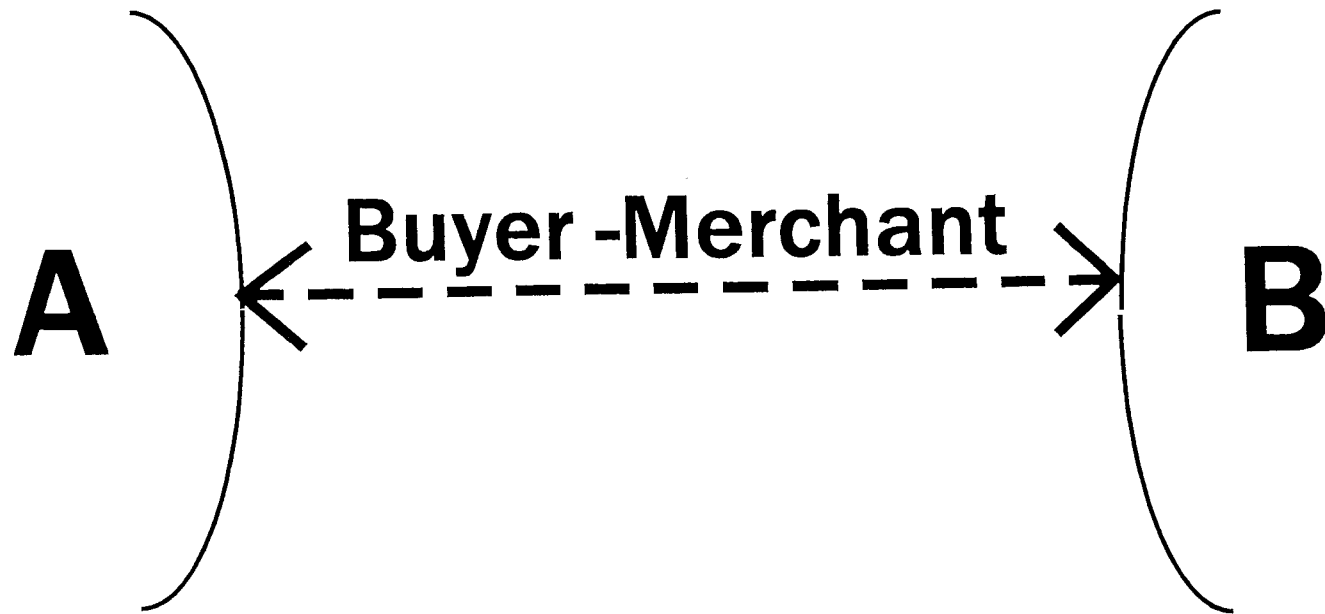
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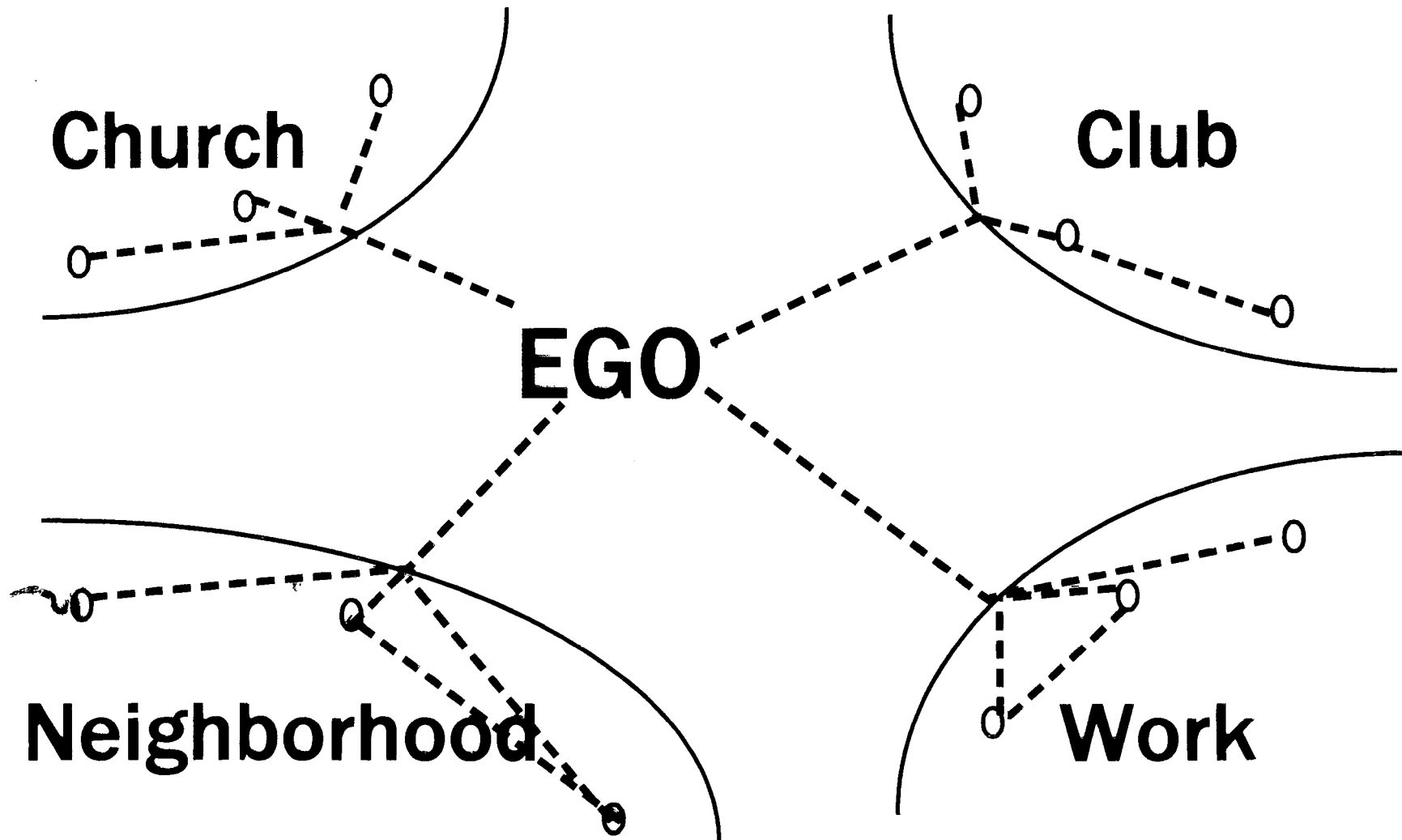
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SIMPLEX ROLES



SIMPLEX ROLES



BUILDING COMMUNITY IN THE CITY

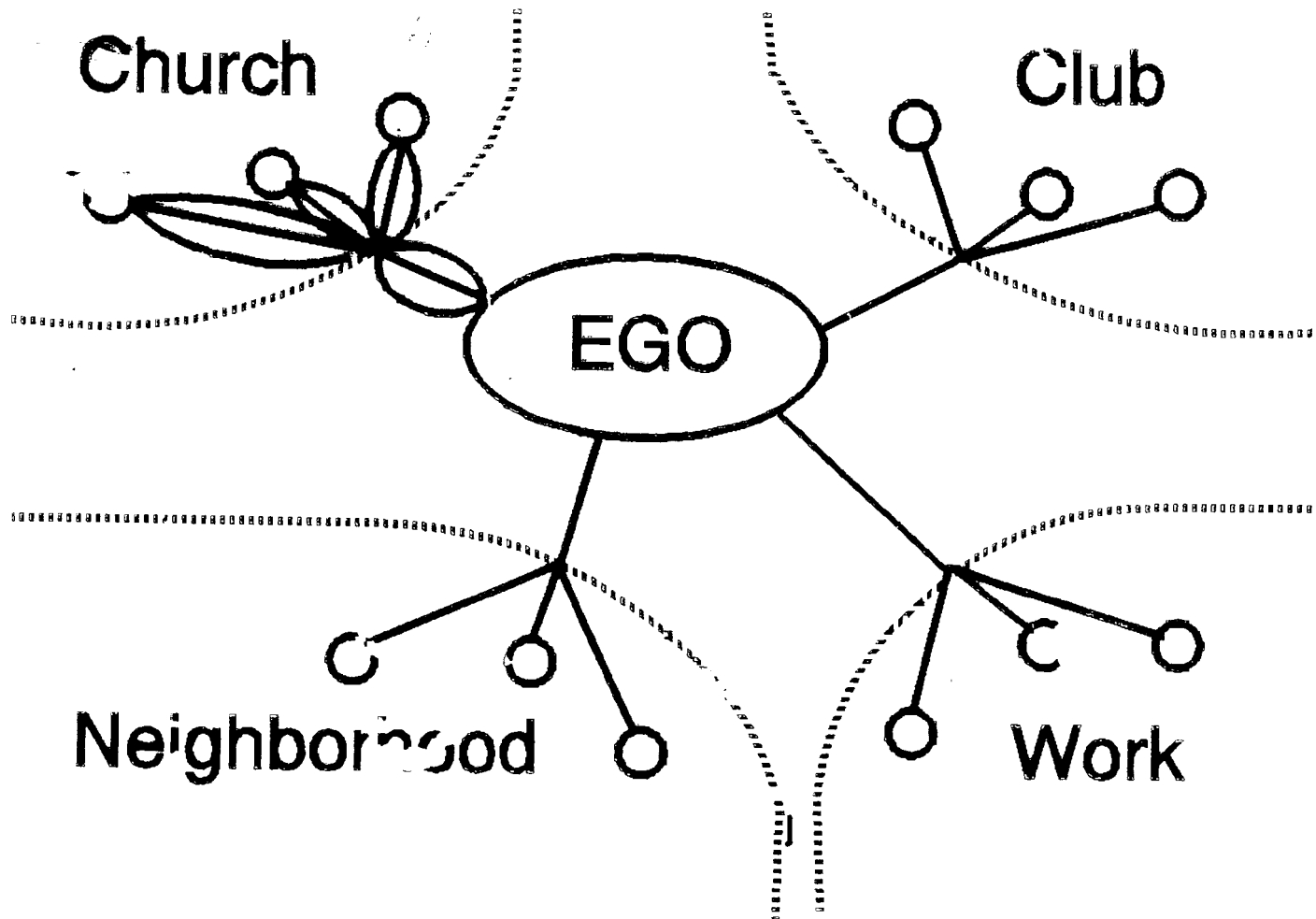
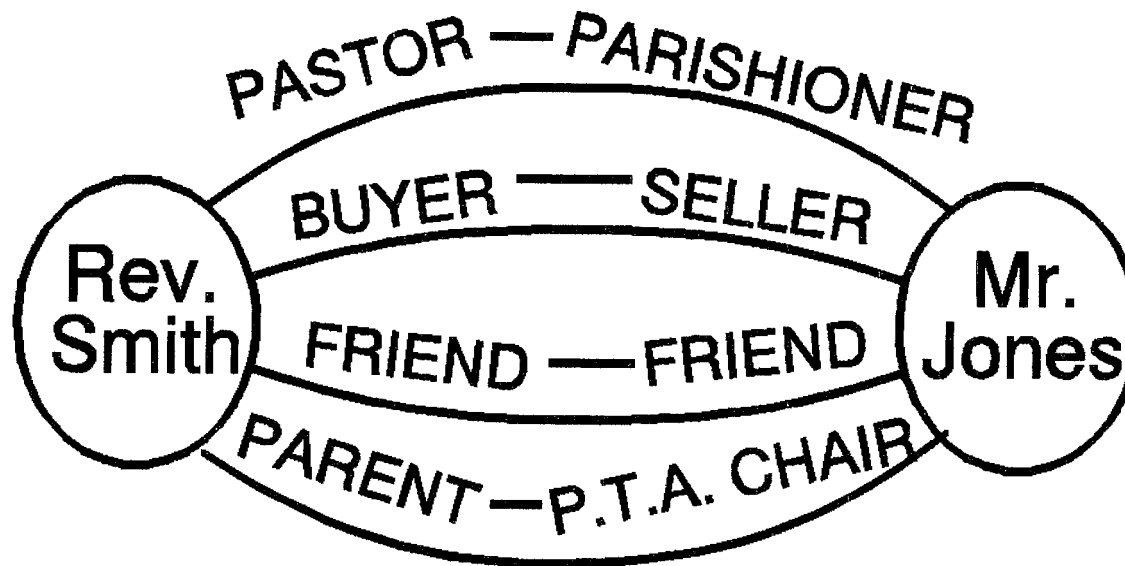
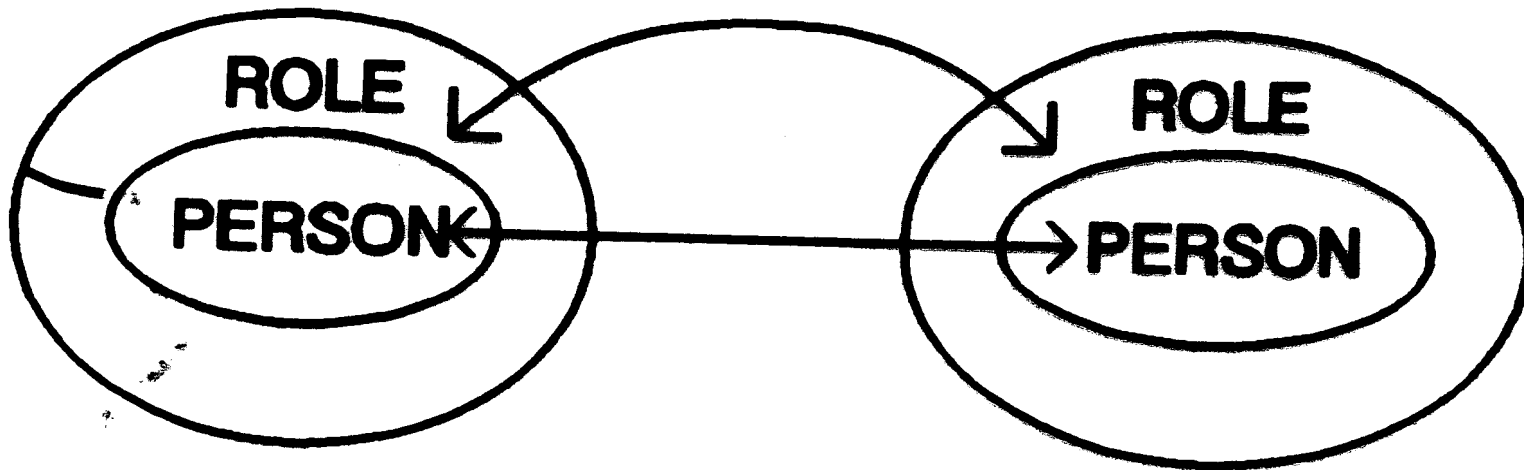


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Multiplex Role Relationships

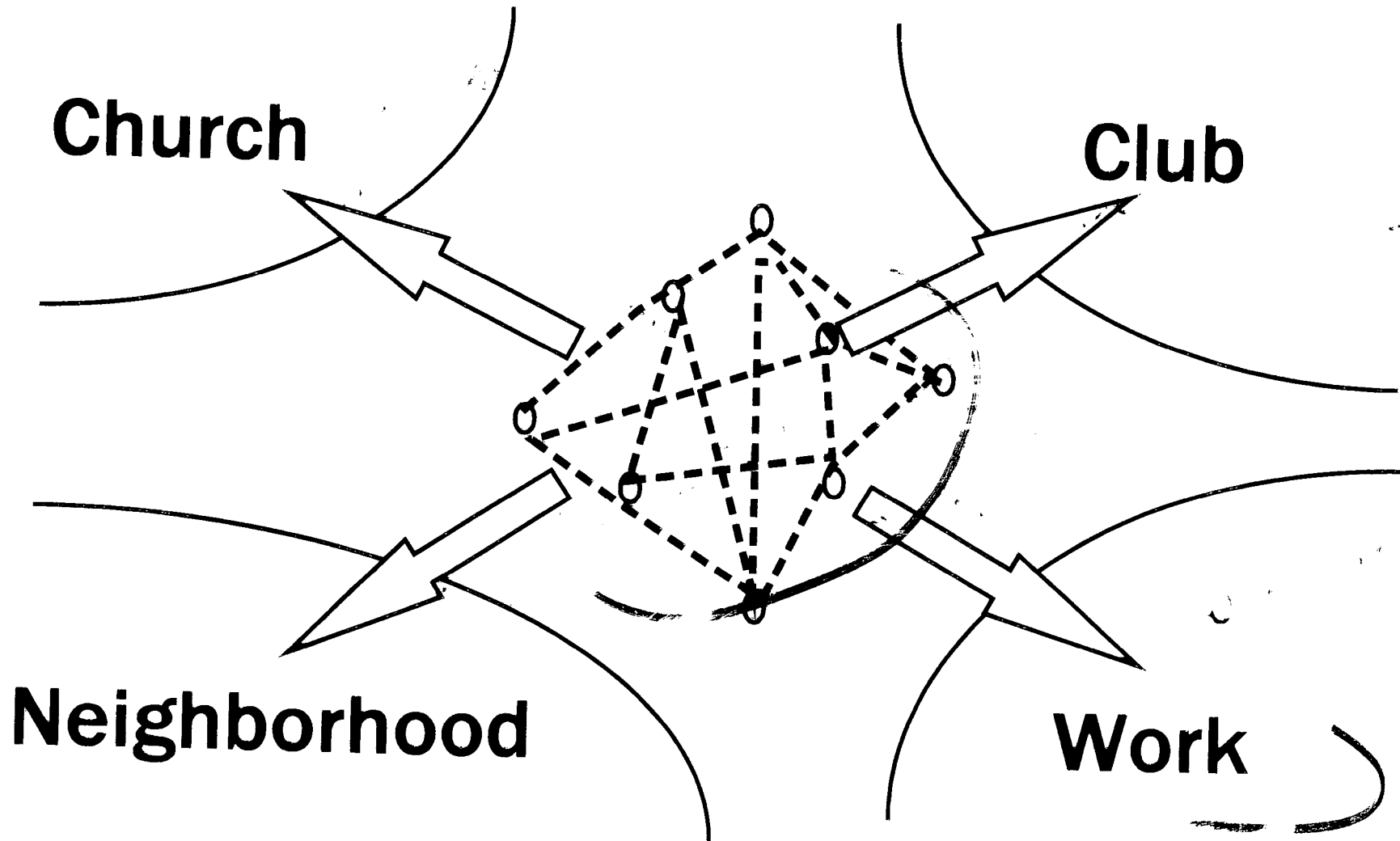


Relationships are multidimensional, intimate and interlinked.

INTERPERSONAL RELATIONSHIPS



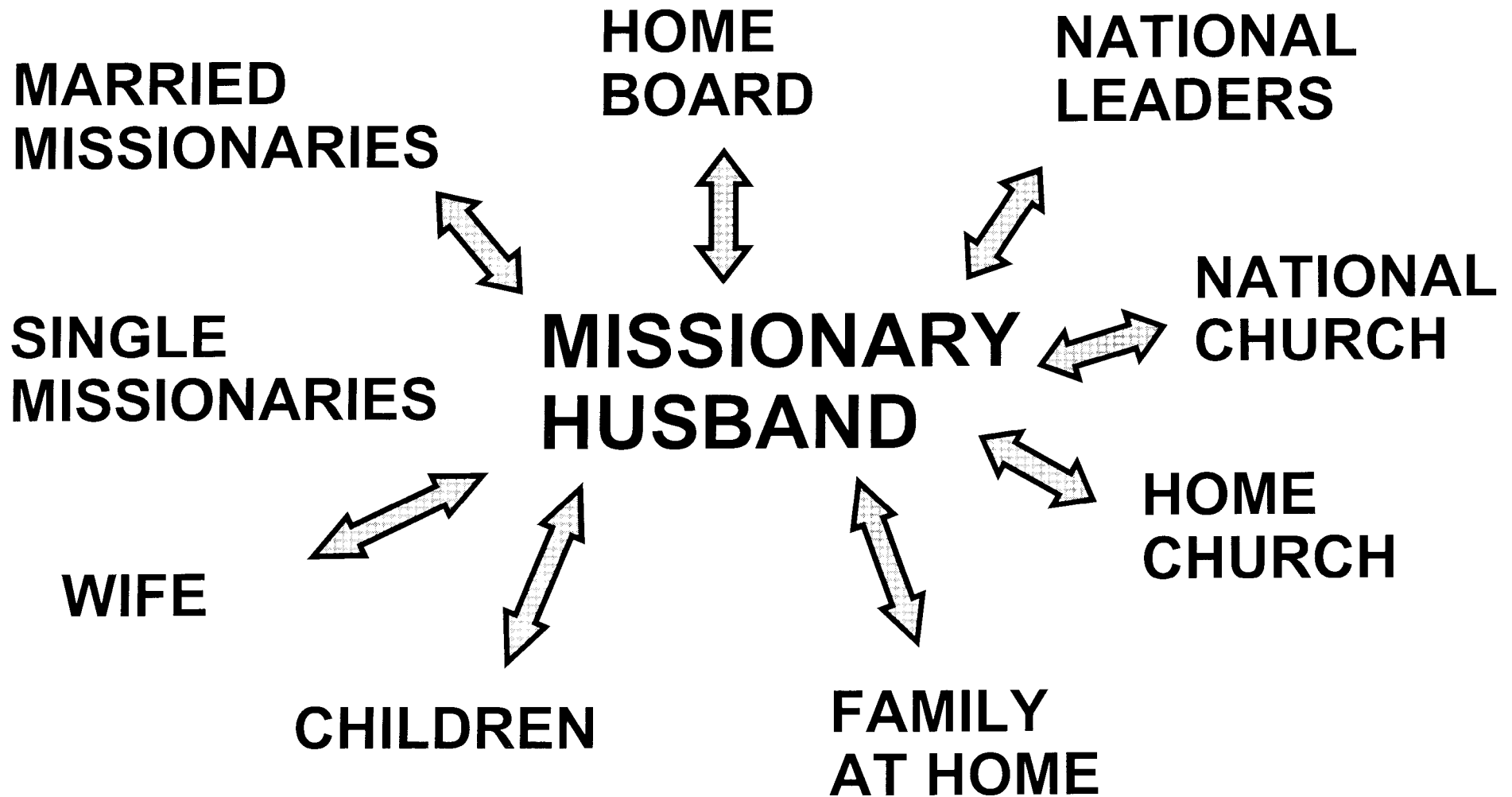
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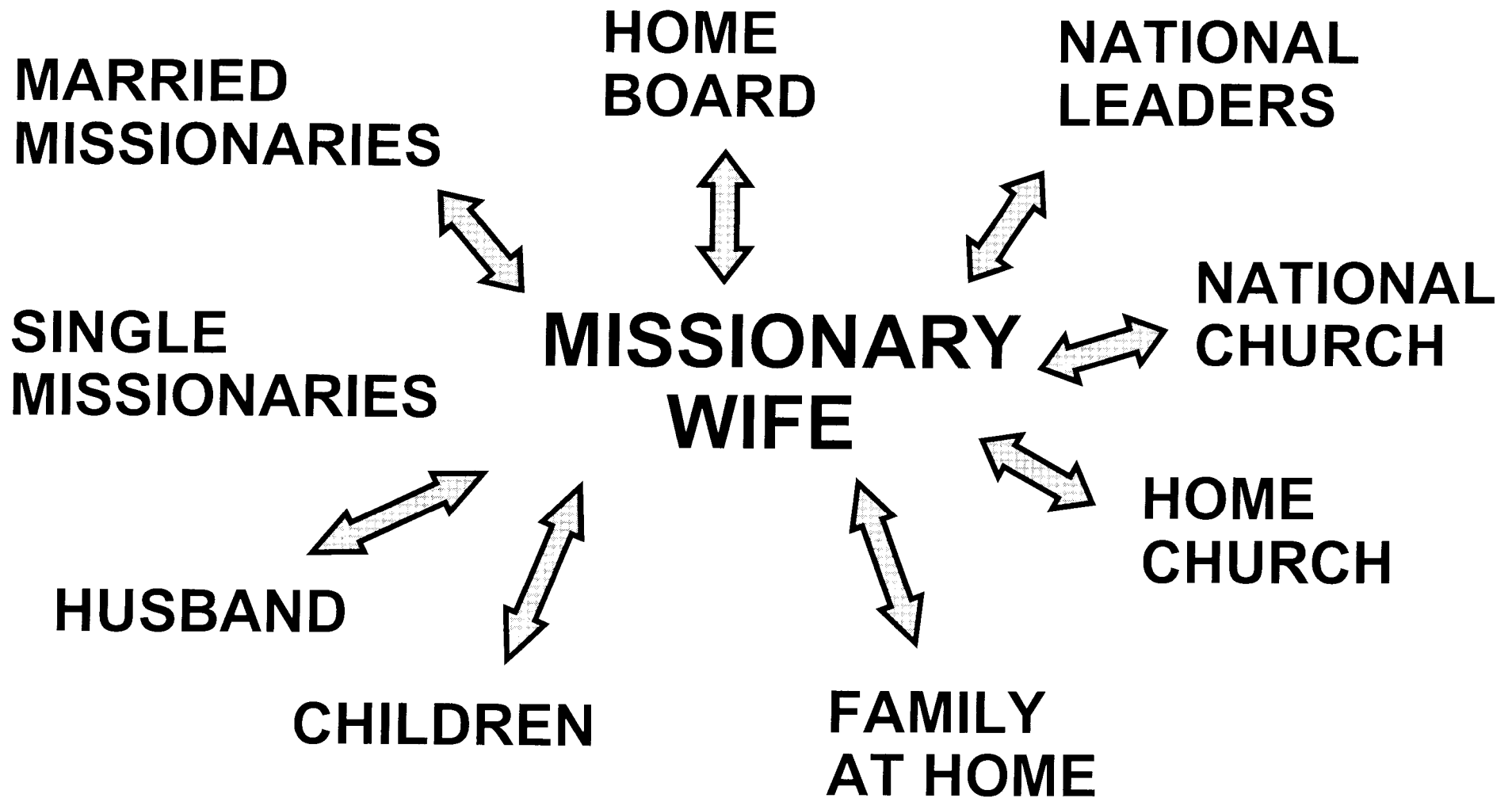
TYPES OF RELATIONSHIP

1. AVOIDANCE & HUMOR
2. RITUALS
3. WORK
4. PASTIMES
5. GAMES
6. INTIMACY

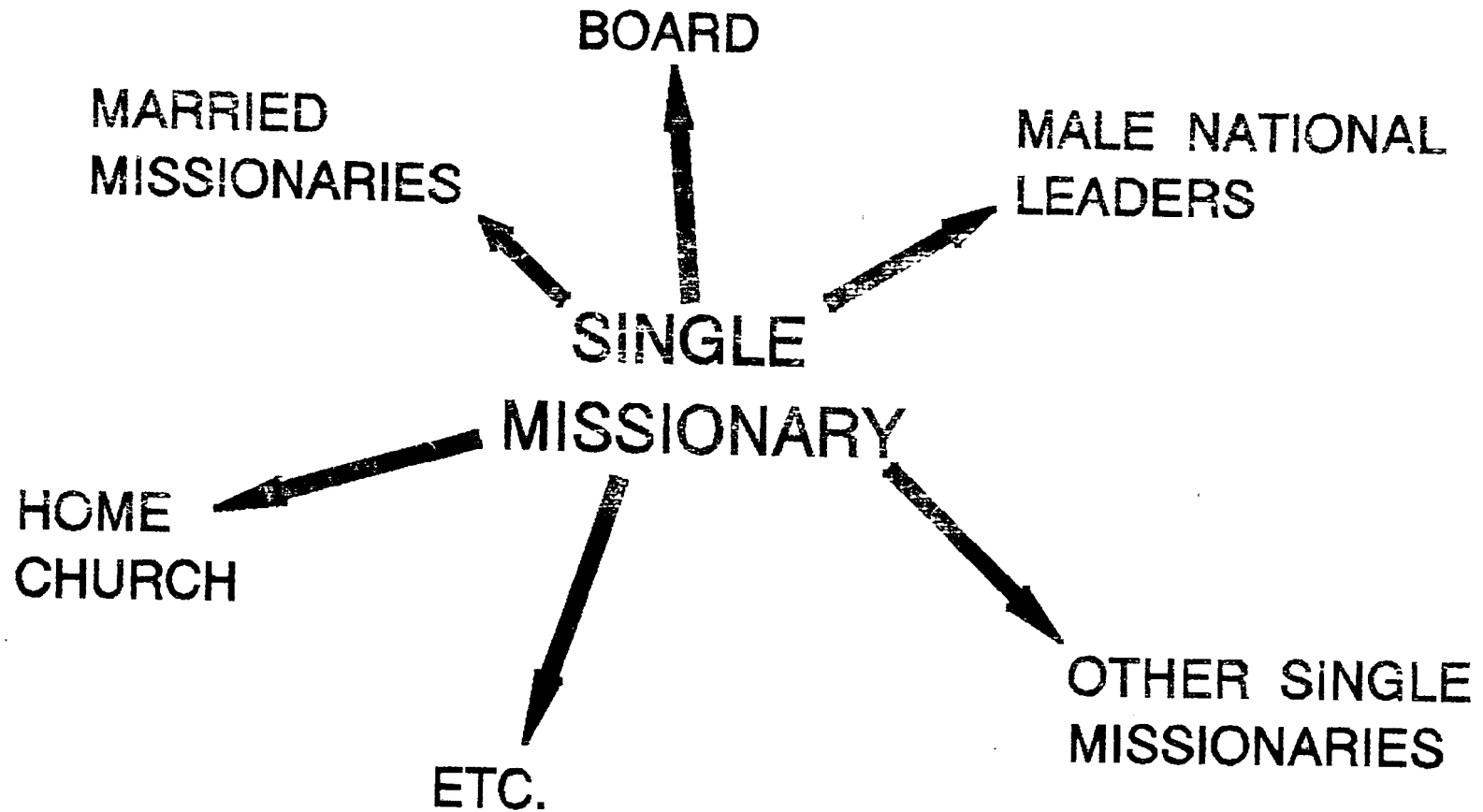
ROLE OF MISSIONARY HUSBANDS



ROLE OF MISSIONARY WIVES



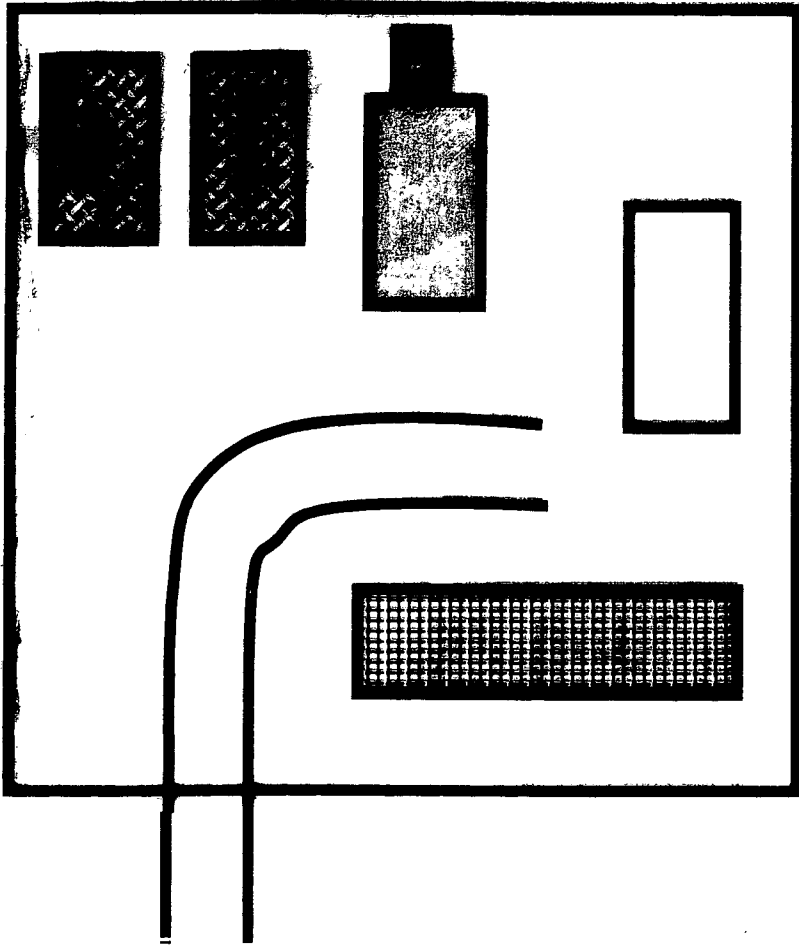
ROLE OF SINGLE MISSIONARIES



MISSIONARY AND THE LOCAL PEOPLE

- what images do you think the local people have about the “missionary”?**
- what images would you like them to have of you as a “missionary”?**

DORA



MISSIONARY ROLES

**Missionary to
Non-Christians**

Not:

- *dora*
- colonial figure
- foreigner

But:

- learner
- friend
- witness

MISSIONARY AND NATIONAL LEADERS

- what special issues rise in missionary-national leadership relationships?**
- how should you relate to national leaders?**

MISSIONARY AND MISSIONARY

- what do you think relationships between missionaries are like?**
- how should you relate to other missionaries?**

MISSIONARY RELATIONSHIPS

