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To fly in formation at a great speed requires masses of training and discipline. It also requires teamwork. I can't connect in an optimal way with every student in my class. Gender, ethnicity or just personality differences mean I can only go so far. But there are other teachers who can touch the spirit of this student if I am humble enough to ask for help, and to pray for a colleague to succeed in my place. On staff I can affect some of my workmates at a heart level, others relate to me mostly on a professional level, But we fly in formation and I depend on them to cover my left flank, and I their right one. When we worship and pray together, we are one, just as the plane formation seems like one organism until the jets split off into a starburst. I am setting an example for the younger teachers and honouring the more senior ones covering for areas where they are not contemporary. We have as many theologies as we have staff members-but we all fly the same colours and wear the team Guernsey. They are "my tribe" in ministry and I may feel critical of some of their ways within the campus situation but off campus I am their loyal defender, and they mine. Our dream is that all graduates fly in formation with Christ and join the adventure of enjoying our differences within an overall unity.

Romans 15:5-6 May the God who gives endurance and encouragement give you a spirit of unity among yourselves as you follow Christ Jesus.