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# UCJCI UPDATE

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# **UCJCI Intern to WCRC** Influences Eco-Justice

E-mail: synod@ucjci.com bigail Website: www.ucjci.com World Communion With a degree in environmental of Reformed empowerment through the ic growth. organization.

form an eco-justice youth working group. This idea was birthed out of a need that she realized for more deliberate action on our part towards environmental stewardship; and finding sustainable more ways of supporting and advocating for environmental preservation.

Her internship pro-

Scarlett, this month, and for her, it has vironment. She has participat-UCJCI Intern to the been a truly fulfilling one!

Churches biology and a passion for wom-(WCRC) in Hannover, Ger- en's empowerment, she has an many, has influenced the path appreciation for linking environtowards eco-justice and youth mental sustainability to econom-

Until the end of the programme, Ms. Scarlett, who is from St. Ms. Scarlett is assigned to the United Church Season of Creation main com-(Lockett Avenue), has been mittee, a Christian-based organiinstrumental in the decision to zation that advocates for the en-

ed in creating a Gender Justice policy and has been a part of a consultation on resisting authoritarianism, discrimination and nationalism. She has also attended the WCRC's Strategic Planning and Executive Committee meetings.

Ms. Scarlett's understanding of organizational dynamics has been expanded, and her travels and exposure to differing cul-

> tures and the history of the places she has visited, made the following quote from Swiss Theologian memorable for her, "In God's name, do something brave!"

> We look forward to the knowledge and new insights that Ms. Scarlett will bring to the UCJCI on her return! We are truly proud of her and her success.



gramme ends later The Executive Committee of the WCRC in Kappel am Albis Switzerland, in May 2019. Ms. Abigail Scarlett is pictured third God be praised!

#### OUR VISION: "Touching Lives, Nurturing Disciples, Seeking Transformation through Christ"

SYNODICAL THEME:

"Renewal and Transformation: Discipleship for Life"

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### **PRAY FOR:**



- Revds. Dave Millard Spence. **Edwards and Wal**ter Russell who are recovering from illness
- Rev. Keith Gordon who is ill
- Rev. Dr. Margaret Fowler who is ill
- The family of **Mr.** Keith Goldson, who has passed on



Ms. Abigail Scarlett (front, centre) with the Gender Policy Group



Ms. Abigail Scarlett and members of the team observing Thursdays in Black

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#### **CELEBRATIONS!**

## **ASKENISH UNITED CHURCH VBS 2019!**



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Mrs. Subrina Dooley
August 14
Rev. Donovan McPherson
Rev. Anthony Wallace
August 20

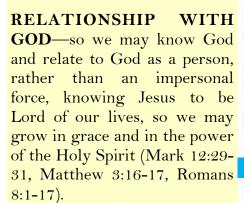


Some of the children gathered

#### **UCJCI VALUES**



In seeking to live out our calling, we particularly value and are committed to:





Mrs. Sandra Marks Campbell engaging with the children





Art & Craft created by the children

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# **LEADERSHIP CORNER**

#### Critical Aspects of Leadership: Knowledge, Organization and Control

eaders stay current.

"As a rule, he or she who has
the most information will have
the greatest success in
life." (Disraeli)

There was a farmer who posted this sign on the pasture fence: "Trespassers are welcome. Just be sure to cross the field in 9.9 seconds. The bull can make it in ten!" In this fast-moving age of information, it's easy to get left behind. Leaders try to stay ahead of charging bulls by staying alert and by staying informed.

They read constantly. They learn how to pick the meat off an article or a news item and leave the bones. They know what's in the news, and they keep up on trade journals. There's always a book on their nightstand.

They learn while they're on the move. They obtain tales of specialists in their area and play them when they're mobile. They attend seminars and workshops, and take every opportunity to learn from the best in their field. They take notes, file their notes, and then utilize them.

Leaders thirst for understanding and insight. But they understand that knowledge is not a pond; it's a river. Leaders wade out into the current.

#### Leaders are organized.

"Either you run the day or the day runs you." (J. C. McPheeters)

A worker is responsible for one thing. Leaders are responsible for many things. They are skilled in managing a myriad of details. The most successful leaders are those who are best organized.

Day planners and pert charts are not gimmicks or gadgets. They are the tools of a successful leader. They are as vital to him or her as the carpenter's hammer, the electrician's pliers, or the piano tuner's tuning fork. Effective leaders use them to track projects, manage assignments, and keep their appointments.

A good leader will not know the answer to every question. But this is certain: he or she will know where to find it. Discoveries once made only by searching through expensive desk-reference sets are now only a mouse click away. The Internet's virtual library is never closed.

Organization is not only necessary for multi-tasking, it's a defining quality for successful leadership. Modern managers must be skilled in knowing where things are, keeping them in order, and being able to retrieve them at a moment's notice. Leaders are finders and keepers.

# Leaders make team meetings work.

"Everything is created twice—first mentally, then physically." (Greg Anderson)

Just as a sports team needs a huddle to talk about its plays and as-

signments, organizations need meetings to map strategies and discuss responsibilities. Depending on their leadership, those meetings are either enjoyed by the team or they are endured. Nobody likes an aimless meeting. A good leader must therefore make team meetings work.

There are some common characteristics of a good team meeting. It has a clear agenda. Effective leaders determine the priorities for the meeting and post them in a carefully arranged order.

A good team meeting starts and ends on time. Effective leaders do their best to start the meeting at the announced time, and they tactfully bring the discussion to an end when the announced closing time approaches.

A good team meeting has a focused discussion. A poor leader stifles discussion. A poorer leader allows the dialogue to become chatter. The best leader has a destination for every meeting and helps the team to arrive there on time. Leaders are conductors.

Source: "Minute Motivators for Leaders" by Stan Toler











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## UCJCI FAMILY AD CORNER







Fellowship Ministry Discipleship Evangelism An Intense Producter!!

Venue and cost to be announced!



A Blessing Awaits You!!!

BESIGNS 433-6105 United Church in Jamaica and the Cayman Islands



North-Eastern Regional Mission Council's Men's Fellowship

will host their

#### ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

on Saturday, August 24, 2019 at King's Gate United Church

89 Hope Road, Kingston 10 **10 a.m.** 

All members of the Men's Fellowships in the Council are invited to attend.

Election of Officers for the 2019-2021 period will take place at the event.

Annual dues are payable on or before August 24, 2019, in addition to outstanding amounts.