

IN THE JETSTREAM



A Synchronized Operation

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Just imagine for a moment, walking into your airline job tomorrow morning and the company announces that they are doing away with all airlines operational schedule. There would be no more timetables for the airline flights, but scheduled as they are needed. Your responsibility is to be on call from day to day and wait to be called in to work a flight when it is needed. Just think of the impact this would have. It would greatly affect the lives of people who work at the airport, in-flight operations, air-traffic controllers, and more. Not even to mention how it would impact the lives of people wanting to schedule a trip in the future. The airline's strategic operation demonstrates how the coordination and unity of thousands of people working together within the airline industry provide a service to people through aviation. Because the airline industry is about transporting people and cargo to destinations at appointed times, practically speaking, airlines would find it hard to exist without a scheduled operation.



In a similar way...the church of Jesus Christ, known as the Body of Christ, is a synchronized operation among Christians around the world through one director — Jesus Christ (Ephesians 1:22). Though Christians come from different cultures and nationalities, go to different churches, (and, in our case, work in different airlines and airline positions), we have one central operator Who connects and coordinates them in the world. We know what this looks like in our local churches...there our coordination comes through common beliefs and practices on which we agree and function together. But what should this look like in our workplace?

For Christians in the workplace to show they operate under the headship of Christ, they must ask themselves the following: How does my belief in God, my faith in Christ, and my trust in His word affect the way I do

my work and the way I treat people around me at work? It starts here for each one who confesses the name of Christ. Christ bringing together Christians in the workplace is seen in the way His people do their work for the company and in the way they treat the people around them. Christ living in us as we go to work will show similar characteristics of His presence working through us. However, this is not all. No less important, is how Christians treat one another in the workplace. Christ once told His disciples that His reputation out in the world would be judged based on how Christians show their love for one another (John 13:34-35). The command to love one another was not designed to create an exclusive club with special treatment among Christians. Actually the opposite is true — Christian's showing their love for one another out in the world would make a statement about God's love and forgiveness in such a way as to invite people to consider Him.

The airline industry gives testimony how the coordination of people working together can provide a service worldwide. Just think about how, in a much greater way, the church of Jesus Christ is operational and alive in the workplace. It is operational when God's people intentionally connect there, through prayer, encouragement, and working with a God-sized view of work. When we engage in this way, Christ then will be seen as our Chief of Operations, and God's greater purposes will become apparent in our work. (PMC)

And He (Christ) is the head of the body, the church ... that in everything, in every way, He might be preeminent (have first place). Colossians 1:18

For His glory,
The FCAP Staff

THE FELLOWSHIP OF CHRISTIAN AIRLINE PERSONNEL

History:

The ministry of FCAP began in 1971 and was incorporated in 1973 when 50 people from eight different airlines in the United States and Canada met to consider how God wanted them to serve Christ in and through the airline industry. Since that time, the ministry of FCAP has spread in over 90 areas of the world. We do not have a membership or dues; rather we are a fellowship among Christians in the airline industry worldwide that share a common commitment and focus.



Perspective & Focus:

Most people look at work primarily as a source of income. Some even view it as a curse imposed on them as punishment from God. *The Fellowship of Christian Airline Personnel* believes that God places a high value on work and is deeply interested in our work, our performance on the job and our relationships with our co-workers. We recognize that both our work and the way we relate to people in the workplace are of great importance to God. So it is our mission: *“To represent Christ in the airlines through meaningful relationships and quality work.”*

FCAP’s two-fold purpose encourages people *to know and experience God’s presence with them at work* and *to trust Him for the enabling strength in the responsibilities and challenges of work*. We see authentic ministry in the workplace as a result of our displaying this relationship to our Lord within the sphere of our influence at work, without being coercive or self-serving.

Values:

- We value doing our work wholeheartedly as unto the Lord, knowing we represent Christ by the quality of our performance while on the job (Ephesians 6:6).
- We value intentionally engaging our faith in the workplace by expressing it in both deeds and words (1 Timothy 6:17-19).
- We value influencing the people around us by creatively building relationship with them and looking out for their interest just as we do our own.
- We value connecting the church in the workplace by seeking out other Christians, to mutually show our love for one another and our care for the people God has placed around us (John 13:35).

Making Your Connection:

Like the airline industry is all about making connections, so FCAP is all about Christians making their connection in the workplace in three basic ways:

- Connecting God’s purposes in the details of your work.
- Connecting ministry to God working through you to influence the people and circumstances of work.
- Connecting the church in the workplace in unique and creative ways, in order to extend and strengthen its influence.

- WE OFFER:**
- Training that helps Christians integrate the Christian faith into the everyday details of our work and its challenges.
 - Free publications that offer encouragement, gives focus, and provides information.
 - Support and fellowship through local groups, prayer network, training sessions, special events and conferences.



The Fellowship of Christian Airline Personnel

The ministry of FCAP is carried on by everyday ordinary people throughout the airline workplaces of the world who go to work with an extraordinary calling. The FCAP ministry does not focus on specialized people, nor are we a special interest group focusing on certain issues. We do not have a membership nor are we a club with dues. Rather, FCAP is a fellowship of Christians who identify with one another through a common focus and purpose. And we desire to demonstrate how our faith in Jesus Christ can influence the people and circumstances of our workplace. We are blessed to have both airline and non-airline people who encourage and support this ministry.

OVER TWO MILLION AIRLINE EMPLOYEES IN THE WORLD

Your Next Step:

Check on the FCAP website to see if there is a group in your area, or seek out and connect with other Christians at your workplace. Contact us at the international office for further assistance or click on “Your Next Step” on the website.



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