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SAFETY BRIEFINGS

“Where’s the defibrillator?”... “The what?” ... “The AED, the defibrillator. This person is having a cardiac arrest. Get the AED please.” An AED (Automated External Defibrillator) is a portable device that, when applied, provides an electrical current to the heart that sends a shock which can correct and restore the heart’s beating rhythm.

THE SAFETY BRIEFING

United Airlines begins all of their meetings with a safety briefing. Every morning when I sit in the meeting to review first flight departures and delays of our Express flights out of IAD, the person in charge will always begin with a “Safety Briefing.” This would include reminders of things like how to dial out to 911 on the airport phones, and who will be responsible to do so in the event of an emergency. They will ask who in this room knows CPR and where the closest AED is located (generally hanging on the wall down that hallway and to the right). They will discuss how to respond if there is an active shooter. (The options are run, hide, and fight ... but when you hide, always make sure your cell phone is on silent so as not to give your position away if it were to ring!)

Why the briefings? Several years ago Oscar Munoz, United Airlines CEO, experienced a heart attack, and the persons in the meeting did not know where the AED’s were in the area. From this experience, he made rules that at every meeting, before beginning the subject matter of that meeting, a “Safety Briefing” would be carried out. These briefings take time, but I constantly learn important and valuable information just by being present in these meetings over and over again. What I learn could make the difference between life and death.

APPLICATION IN THE CHRISTIAN LIFE

“Safety Briefings” are also spiritual. I have the same passion both for myself and others to be healthy spiritually. Before United Airlines started doing these required briefings, I did

not know where the AED’s were located. The same holds true in our Christian lives. If we do not have fellowship with our peers in the airline/aviation workplace, how will the world know how much God cares? The work place is tough as the days get long and the challenges are unending, but when Christians keep the flavor of salt and shine their lights, blessings are received (Matthew 5:13-16).

HOW IT IS ACCOMPLISHED

“Spiritual Briefings” can be a few sentences or take several minutes in sharing spiritually. We can share a scripture verse of comfort and encouragement, or our own two-minute personal testimony. As we are aware of the checklist for the “Spiritual Briefing” and what to share with confidence, the Holy Spirit will increase the daily divine appointments that cross our paths. Allow God to guide you as you are willing to serve Him in the airport/aviation community wherever you are. Pray with one another, hold each other up, and encourage those around you (Colossians 3:12-17).

In closing, consider the words found in Hebrews 13:

“²⁰ Now may the God of peace—who brought up from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great Shepherd of the sheep, and ratified an eternal covenant with His blood—²¹ may He equip you with all you need for doing His will. May He produce in you through the power of Jesus Christ, every good thing that is pleasing to Him. All glory to Him forever and ever! Amen.”

(New Living Translation)

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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 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 relationships 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 and weekly thoughts 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. 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.

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 [“Connect With Us”](#) on the website.

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