Strategies for Effective Pastoral Leadership

Introduction

Dear colleagues,

Summer greetings in the Spirit of our God who is Creator, Christ and Wisdom for the ages!

For some time now I have wanted to initiate a conversation about pastoral leadership, with the idea that we all have insight, ideas and resources to share. Now that we have launched our new website (wcucc.org) we are beginning to develop the resource hub. One of our intentional focus areas will be Clergy & Congregational Leadership Development. We anticipate listing books, posting articles, offering blog opportunities, inviting best practices and exploring creative ideas.

Today I want to launch a **twelve week emphasis on Effective Pastoral Leadership**. In a series of weekly emails I hope to lift up key strategies and prompt some energizing conversation among us about the importance of understanding the pastoral role through the lens of organizational leadership.

We will chronicle these weekly writings on our **blog site**, with hopes that many of you will engage in reflections and responses so that we might collectively curate ideas about effective ministerial leadership.

Friends, I wish you blessed Sabbath moments as you venture into a long holiday weekend and contemplate the gift of a somewhat lighter load in July and August!

Shalom,

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