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To Whom It May Concern

Please accept this note as a testimony for my support for the Virgin Gorda Youth Leadership Initiative. I believe that it can only bring hope and opportunities for the youth of Virgin Gorda. This project of the Stone Soup Leadership Institute is a way forward for the development of our youth.

As I listened to the various presentations and asked various questions regarding the methodology and ownership I note that the project is grounded in the Virgin Gorda community and is an effort to give to the youth here a sense that people actually care and want to make a real difference in their lives.

Having met Ms. Marianne Larned, Executive Director of the Institute, I am willing to lend my support to the venture and invite those in authority to explore it to its fullest before making a determination.

We look forward to working together to realize this project.

Sincerely,

Rev. Dr. Michael A. Clarke
Rector