

Letter from the President by the Rev. Jim Von Dreele



This has been a very full year for NAMMA and maritime ministry in general.

Most pressing on our minds has been the damage to our centers in the Southeast and Gulf Coast areas. We have been relieved that no chaplains have been injured because of the hurricanes.

But there has been significant disruption to three centers. The German Seamen's Mission in New Orleans, the Center for International Seafarers and Truckers in Gulfport, and the International Seafarers' Center in Pascagoula, MS, were completely destroyed. Several other centers sustained extensive damage. But maritime ministry continues in these and other ports affected by the hurricanes, caring not only for the seafarers but also for the multitude of first responders.

Our NAMMA Conference in Montreal was a most fulfilling event. Some of our Gulf Coast members were in attendance and gave us spirit filled assessments of their work after the hurricanes.

On a deeper level we engaged each other across our diverse denominational perspectives and gained a deeper appreciation of the variety of gifts we each bring to this ministry.

We also had a major engagement with our friends in the Maritime Industry and a challenge to recognize major ship owners who treat their seafarers in professional and humane ways. That is on our agenda for the coming year to establish a set of criteria for this honor.

Finally, NAMMA has been invited to be a partner with the Maritime Administration (MARAD) and others in the maritime industry for the annual National Maritime Day Celebration in Washington, DC on May 22, 2006. NAMMA last year organized its own celebration in Washington and it was widely appreciated by the maritime community. We will be responsible for the worship service at the National Cathedral (DC), a forum on seafarers' issues and concluding reception.

Faithfully yours,
Jim Von Dreele

NAMMA Challenged on Seafarer Standards

NAMMA Advisory Board member Clay Maitland challenged chaplains to expand NAMMA's role with the shipping industry in his address at the Montreal NAMMA Conference October 28. "I am proposing that NAMMA develop itself as a communicator between unions and industry. . . It may take some work, but . . . a new code of conduct for shipping" is needed and NAMMA is uniquely positioned to work with unions and the rest of the industry to agree on new and higher standards for maritime employment and operations.

Maitland, Managing Partner of International Registries, Inc. (administering the Marshall Islands ship registry) was the invited industry speaker to members and guests of NAMMA at a luncheon the third day of NAMMA's annual Conference in Montreal, Oct. 26-29, 2005. He led off by saying he had been present at many commissionings of warships – where prayers were always offered for "the ship and her people." He said the vital interest for merchant vessels as well was not in the ship alone but the ship and her crew together. Further, that the "industry needs a charm offensive" with the general public on the value of shipping and its responsibilities for seafaring crews.

"What you have to sell," Maitland continued, "is your position as interlocutor for the different sectors of the industry." He further explained that the international non-governmental agencies (NGO's) charged with setting employment standards for the industry did good work, but their conventions are not well known to the general public, their standards are not high enough, and unions and seafarers are not represented at the NGO's except though the chaplaincies. He called on NAMMA to lead an initiative to join with industry and labor leaders to define "good global citizenship" (see sidebar). The prepared text of Maitland's address is available for download on the NAMMA web page; however, some of the above



Clay Maitland

quotes were delivered "off the cuff."

A first response took place at a joint Advisory Board – NAMMA Board meeting the same afternoon. Douglas Stevenson, Director of the Center for Seafarers' Rights, represents NAMMA's worldwide affiliate, the International Christian Maritime Association (ICMA) as observer with the IMO and ILO, NGO's working on seafarer employment conventions with United Nations. Stevenson also serves as

a member of NAMMA's Political Action Committee. He was invited to report on his activities, which included action against three cruise lines for withholding seafarer pay. New Advisory Board member, attorney Duncan Smith, representing one of the cruise lines, was present and reported his perspective. A sharing of concerns and information followed, demonstrating the role of increasing understanding available to NAMMA.

The challenge to NAMMA was further discussed at NAMMA's new Board meeting the following evening. New Board member Bob Crafts was appointed to the Political Action Committee to begin a response, and discussion to continue through the next several months.

The luncheon address followed two days of theological and spiritual reflection, fellowship, workshops, and reports from port chaplains across North America, and two from Curacao in the Caribbean, Mario and Doris Overman.

Implementing "Good Global Citizenship"

NAMMA should:

1. Play a more prominent role as observers on delegations to the International Maritime Organization (IMO) and the International Labor Organization (ILO), NGO's working on seafarer employment conventions with the United Nations.
2. Prepare a "call to action" defining clearly the goals and actions of the industry with special attention to responsibility for "the ship and her crew."
3. Work with BIMCO, Intertanko, Intercargo and other industry groups to forge links to seafarers.
4. Promote the "human face" - seafaring as a profession - to the global public and the Church.



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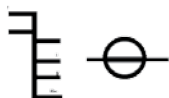
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NAMMA Challenged, cont.

The NAMMA Plenary heard reports from hurricane-affected chaplaincies in the Central Gulf Coast and Port Everglades, elected four new Board members, considered and rejected a proposed Constitutional amendment, heard the final report of their retiring Executive Secretary, and welcomed the new Interim Executive Secretary, Lloyd Burghart. In Plenary elections, Michael Cicalese was elected to a second term on the Board; and Bob Crafts, Jean Smith, and Tae Soeg Yang were elected to new terms of two years each. Lloyd Burghart resigned from the Board in order to accept his interim position, and Mike Scalora was elected to fill his unexpired term, one year remaining.

In denominational meetings, the Rev. David Mulholland was elected by MSNAC to represent Anglicans and Episcopalians on the NAMMA Board. -PRM



Capt. David Robinson, VP, Fleet Operations of Teekay Shipping (Can.), Ltd., received NAMMA's first Seafarers' Salute award to Teekay, for their exemplary treatment of crews. Clay Maitland received the first Joe R. Gerson Award for leadership in the shipping industry.

ICMA Report

The International Christian Maritime Association (ICMA), met in Dunkerque, France, Oct. 10-12. The new General Secretary of ICMA, Juergen Kanz, has taken over most of the work of the ICMA treasury from the Honorary Treasurer, Peter Michaelson. This reduced his role to oversight and support. The ICMA books and financing is now on a stable and transparent basis.

The 2005 Seafarer Ministry Training in Rotterdam convened in late October with 17 students.

The ICMA secretariat moved from Rotterdam to space rented from the Apostleship of the Sea - UK in London, in mid November. Along with the move, there will be some adjustment in the accounting arrangements of ICMA funds at the end of this year. Also, Alan Smith, General Secretary of BISS, has agreed to take over as Honorary Secretary of ICMA until his retirement in November, 2006.

The Houston School is not quite recognized by ICMA members as an ICMA SMT, although the school has received ITF/ICMA support of \$3000 for the past two sessions and was voted approval as such at the ICMA Executive meeting in Rotterdam last fall. Continued representation through NAMMA of the Houston School in ICMA meetings is therefore needed.

The ICMA Annual General Meeting elected SCI-NY as a member of their Executive Committee. This is a groundbreaking development and will help to keep up the competence of ICMA oversight and global coordination of port chaplaincy. Also for the first time, the regional coordinators of all of ICMA's regions met with program heads in Dunkerque. NAMMA is the only region represented on ICMA's Executive; this was the first step in developing a more broad based ownership of ICMA and her activities.

All the regions outside of North America have been ICMA's own creation at the urging of members and non-member port chaplains. The regions as they stand are:

Region	Coordinator
North America	NAMMA Executive
United Kingdom	Ken Peters (MtS London)
Western Europe	Marie Francoise Durandea (AoS Dunkerque)
Baltic	Kjell Bertell Nyland (Norwegian Seamen's Mission)
CIS (former Soviet Bloc)	Eduard Prasch (AoS - Poland)
Mediterranean	Ricardo Roderigues-Martos (AoS Barcelona)
Asia (only East Asia)	Bruno Ciceri (AoS Taiwan)
Southern Africa	Hennie La Grange (Biblia Durban)
West Africa	Renee Ehouzu (AoS Africa)
Australia	(pending)
Brazil	(pending)
Oceania	(in question. An ICSW-Oceania region has ceased to exist)

All coordinators were present or represented in Dunkerque except for Bishop Ehouzu, due to confusion about his status. This is a very skilled and committed group. Its purpose is mutual support and a more effective input of ICMA members into ICMA governance, through regional meetings. The coordinators will definitely have an effect on ICMA plans and priorities.

The spring meeting of the ICMA Executive Committee will take place at Mariner's House, Boston, April 27-28, 2006. Peter Michaelson will serve as host with Michael Cicalese, but will not attend this meeting as Lloyd Burghart will be there as the NAMMA executive. -PRM



Keynoter Jason Zuidema

Many Expressions: And the One Task is “Meaningful Conversations”

“To help get rid of the divide between just social or just spiritual work,” asserted the Rev. Jason Zuidema,

at NAMMA’s Montreal Conference Oct. 27, “a goal I set for myself is to engage in meaningful conversations [with seafarers]. These are not just conversations about the weather . . . but *meaningful* conversations about subjects that mean something to the individual seafarer.” Rev. Zuidema delivered the keynote address at the annual NAMMAC. An ordained minister of the Christian Reformed Church (CRC), his message stressed that the “One Task,” the theme of the conference, includes ministries of hospitality (“*diaconia*”), evangelism, and other spiritual concerns but should not be limited to any of the three. “The Christian religion is not just concerned about saving souls or helping people out economically, but is concerned with the whole person – body and soul,” continued Zuidema.

Themes of Zuidema’s address were echoed by a range of theologians each invited to present the approach of their traditions. Archbishop Terry Finlay spoke of the Anglican emphasis on the incarnation of Christ exemplified in seafarers and the ministry with them; Dr. Robin Mattison spoke about different theological views of humankind and the resultant differences in port ministry; Dr. Andre Basson, the CRC executive for Montreal, affirmed Zuidema’s view and spoke of his introduction to port

ministry; Deacon Albert Dacanay spoke of the diaconal, practical and sacramental elements; and the Rev. Bob Loy (Southern Baptist) said “If a person is hungry they need to be fed. Then you earn the privilege of sharing the Gospel.”

Six workshops were offered on two occasions over the three days of the conference. The workshops addressed both theological and practical concerns of port ministry. A special session was presented to the Plenary on “Marketing Your Ministry” by Carleen Lyden-Kluss. Her material covered basic strategies for increasing public awareness and generating support at the local level for port chaplaincies. A model “Press Packet” had been prepared by Lyden-Kluss and NAMMA’s Development Committee for use by local port chaplains. (Ms. Lyden-Kluss’s notes for the presentation may be downloaded from the NAMMA web page.)

The closing session of the conference on Oct. 29 was directed by Mrs. Kathleen Hurty. She brought back the five different theological traditions into a panel who separately and together managed to bring the “many traditions” into perspective in the “one task” shared by port chaplains.

–PRM



Bob Loy offers practical help first, then the Gospel.

NAMMA Office Moves, Burghart Named Interim Executive

Peter Michaelson delivered his last annual report to the NAMMA Board Oct. 26, 2005, after serving five years as Executive Secretary. Michaelson had announced his retirement in a letter to members in July. In response, the Board discussed the requirements of the position and resolved to seek funding and candidates for a full-time, professional level position. Michaelson was also awarded a commemorative plaque at the NAMMAC banquet Oct. 28, and received a standing ovation. He will serve until Dec. 31, 2005

In Board action, Lloyd Burghart volunteered to serve as Interim Executive Secretary while the fund development and search for a new executive goes on. Burghart, a minister of the Christian Reformed Church, served as Chaplain of the Port of Montreal until his retirement in 2004. He will be working from his home in Fonthill, ON, and has also established a US address across the St. Lawrence River in Niagara, NY.

The new contact information as of Jan. 1, 2006, will be:

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Development Report

At the Winter Board meeting in January, NAMMA's Board of Directors put their seal of approval on a development plan. The new plan was designed to implement the Strategic Plan, ratified at NAMMA's annual Plenary in New Orleans the previous August. Since that time, much has transpired:

- Established and recruited Industry Advisory Board - ongoing
- Produced marketing materials
- Exhibited at Connecticut Maritime Association Annual Conference
- Began database development
- Produced 2005 National Maritime Day Observance and Forum
- Received pledges of development funds from some Advisory Board members
- Facilitated Coordinated Port Recovery Program presentation to US Coast Guard
- Accepted invitation from MARAD to partner in 2006 National Maritime Day (May 22nd in DC)
- Began dialog with White House for Faith-Based Initiatives funding
- Exhibited at CMA and AAPA annual conferences
- Presented two honorary awards to industry leaders

At the Annual Conference in Montreal, NAMMA recognized efforts of Teekay Shipping Corporation and Advisory Board member Clay Maitland on behalf of seafarer welfare. Industry recognition has been widespread, making headlines in all major maritime trade publications.

The role of NAMMA as an important industry resource was further underscored by Clay Maitland in his luncheon keynote speech at the Montreal NAMMAC, when he urged the membership to honor "the ship and her people" by creating a culture of inclusion involving the seafarer in convention negotiating and regulating processes. Further, he suggested that NAMMA:

- Play a more prominent role internationally, on delegations, particularly as observers at IMO and ILO.
- Prepare a "call to action" defining the goals and aspirations of the shipping industry and its responsibility for "the ship and her people."
- Partner with BIMCO, INTERTANKO, INTERCARGO, and other industry groups to establish grass roots links to the industry's "human face" — the seafarer.
- Promote shipping's "human face" to engage the hearts and minds of the general public, encouraging them to seek careers at sea.

The new NAMMA Board followed up on the Montreal conference with new initiatives for development:

- Discussed Clay Maitland's challenge.
- Appointed Bob Crafts to the Political Action Committee with a brief for developing NAMMA Generally Accepted Seafarer Standards (Seal of Approval)
- Suggested a task force to create a NAMMA event – fundraiser for NAMMA development fund.

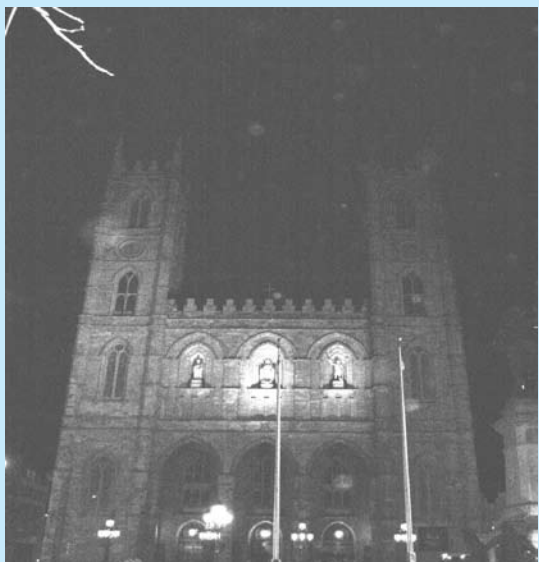
Much has been accomplished in one short year. Much work needs to be done. With the leadership and energy of NAMMA, these goals will be achieved and a new era of servicing seafarers will be realized

—Carleen Lyden-Kluss

Montreal



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Hurricane Recovery Slow but Sure

All NAMMA port chaplains escaped injury from Hurricanes Katrina, Rita, and Wilma. Fourteen port chaplaincies were affected and most suffered “minor” but costly damages. These include ministries at Galveston, Houston, Port Arthur, Beaumont, Lake Charles, New Orleans, Gonzales (Louisiana), Reserve, Pascagoula, Gulfport, Mobile, and Port Everglades.

Doreen Badeau, General Secretary of Apostleship of the Sea - USA and Marshall Bundren, Executive Director of the ministry in Burns Harbor, IN, were instrumental in keeping people connected and together in prayer for those at risk and suffering evacuation and damages. The center facilities at Pascagoula and Gulfport were completely destroyed. The German Seamen’s Mission in New Orleans was flooded twice and is still being evaluated. All ministries are back up and running. Funds received for the Central Gulf Coast Emergency Relief Fund have been paid out to six port ministries most severely affected. Additional donations will be paid out as received.

Telephone service is not completely restored in the New Orleans area or the Mississippi coast. Cell phones remain the most dependable telephone contact. Other contact information for affected port ministries remains the same except for temporary numbers for the German Seamen’s Mission - New Orleans and the Gulfport mission:

The Rev. Heinz Neumann
German Seamen’s Mission - New Orleans
827 S. Causeway Blvd. Suite 208
Jefferson, LA 70121
cell phone 504-214-6018
(e-mail not re-established)

The Rev. Charles Corey
Center for Seamen and Truckers
P.O. Box 1964
Gulfport, MS 39502
cell phone 228-475-1350
(e-mail not dependable)

Charles Corey and Ernie Elfer were in Montreal for the NAMMAC. They offered thanks for the prayers of the chaplain network. Elfer was hospitalized for an infection for more than a week in Montreal, which was provident since health care was not well established in New Orleans. He is now back at the New Orleans mission.
—PRM

ICMA Opens New Sailing Chaplains’ Class

The 2nd ICMA Sailing Chaplains’ Training will be held in Lohja, Finland 18th to 30th April 2006. Location is a new maritime training centre (for more information see www.meriturva.fi). Lecturers will be specialists of their special areas. This training is aimed for experienced maritime welfare workers. There are 12 places available. The selection criteria, according to the project description approved by the ICMA executive committee:

Any ICMA agency, including all NAMMA members, may send a trainee to the ISCT. Any candidate should

- have experience in welfare work among seafarers or have participated in the SMT.
- have one quarter of Clinical Pastoral Education or studies of psychology on an academic level.

The training course gives a basic toolbox for sailing chaplain’s work. It also includes STCW-95 Basic Training. After completed training the chaplains are entitled the ICMA Sailing Chaplain title and a Sailing Chaplain ID issued by ICMA. The training, accommodation and meals are free of charge. Support for travelling expenses can be offered upon request.

Further information and application forms may be received from the NAMMA Secretariat.
—Jaakko Laasio

**From the Old
Executive Secretary
Peter Michaelson**



In a few weeks I will be taking leave of NAMMA's Secretariat and turning the office over to the new Interim Executive Secretary, Lloyd Burghart. He is well qualified, spiritually, professionally, and

emotionally and he will do just fine to keep things running. Meanwhile your officers and Board will be making the decisions about how and who to run the association for the next steps. Please pay attention to what is going on and give Lloyd, Jim Von Dreele, and the Board your prayers and practical support.

My report was presented in Montreal and doesn't need repeating here. Suffice it to say that these exciting times for port chaplains and NAMMA will keep coming as new opportunities and challenges emerge. We will always have anxieties and resistance to change; at the same time we are people of faith and we have some perspective on how God calls us to expand our ministry. Challenges such as Clay Maitland delivered in Montreal

The Chaplains' Calendar

<i>Jan. 23-25</i>	<i>LAMM Board, Ft. Lauderdale</i>
<i>Feb. 2-3</i>	<i>NAMMA Winter Board, Houston</i>
<i>Feb. 5-17</i>	<i>Houston Seafarer Ministry Training (SMT)</i>
<i>March 20-22</i>	<i>CMA Conference, Stamford, CT</i>
<i>April 25-28</i>	<i>AoS USA Annual Meeting, Texas A&M at Galveston</i>
<i>April 27-29</i>	<i>ICMA Executive Committee, Boston</i>
<i>May 22</i>	<i>National Maritime Day</i>
<i>July 9</i>	<i>Sea Sunday</i>
<i>July 27-30</i>	<i>Lutheran Global Mission Event, Amherst, MA</i>
<i>Oct. 4-7 (tentative)</i>	<i>2006 NAMMAC, Newark, NJ</i>

and opportunities such as NAMMA's developing annual observance of US National Maritime Day will continue to come our way if we are willing to entertain them. They will change us, too. This is good.

I will not be leaving NAMMA, the sea, nor port ministry behind. I expect to continue to be involved in whatever ways are helpful to the chaplains in this part of the world and to NAMMA. However, I expect to travel more slowly and to attend far fewer meetings. Please pray for me and I will continue to pray for you. And if I can be helpful in some way please call upon me. I will be in touch with many of you for help on one or two projects on my "to do" list.

Meanwhile we need to keep NAMMA healthy. I

want to thank Ernie Elfer and Jim Von Dreele, the NAMMA presidents I have served with, for their leadership and commitment to the well being of this network of port chaplains. They have not always been sure of my appreciation or affection but I hope they are now. What NAMMA has become would not have happened without them and their work and now it is our job as ordinary members to preserve their legacies and to bring their objectives to continuing fruition.

I offer thanks also for all the officers and members of NAMMA who have enabled us to be and do what we do, which is to support one another in the ministry of Jesus Christ to all the people of the sea. That's our job. Thank you for admitting me to this grand ministry! ###

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