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Special NAMMA Conference Issue

NAMMAC 2007

“Sharing in Ministry: An Interactive Conference”

Daily Schedule

Tuesday, September 25

NAMMA Board Meeting (began on Monday; concludes by noon on Tuesday)

- 1:00 – 6:00 PM Registration Desk Open: – straight down the corridor from the hotel check-in desk
- 2:00 – 6:00 PM Denominational Meetings - Breakout rooms (see signage or ask at the registration desk)
- 6:30 – 7:00 PM First Plenary (voting members, nominations for board) – Main room
- 7:15 – 9:15 PM Opening reception – Champlain Room (all meals served here)
- 9:30 – 11:00 PM Hospitality Room - Courtyard (BYOB or buy your drinks in the bar)

Wednesday, September 26

- 7:30 – 8:00 AM Denominational Worship – Breakout rooms
- 8:00 – 8:45 AM Breakfast Buffet – Champlain Room
- 8:45 – 9:45 AM Opening Worship and Keynote Address. – Main Room
- 9:45 – 9:55 AM Coffee Break in the Courtyard
- 10:00 – 10:55 AM RoundTable Discussion #1 - Breakout Rooms (see schedule of topics)
- (10:00 – 11:25 AM) Industry Advisory Board – Board Room (across from registration table)
- 11:00 – 11:25 AM RT#1-Sharing Time – Main Room
- 11:30 – 12:15 PM General Plenary Session – introducing NAMEPA – Main Room
- 12:30 – 1:45 PM Luncheon and Special Speaker – Champlain Room
- 2:00 – 2:55 PM RoundTable Discussion #2 - Breakout Rooms
- 3:00 – 3:25 PM RT#2 – Sharing Time – Main Room
- 3:30 – 3:45 PM Coffee Break in the Courtyard
- 3:45 – 4:40 PM RoundTable Discussion #3 – Breakout Rooms
- 4:45 – 5:15 PM RT#3 – Sharing Time – Main Room
- 6:00 – 6:55 PM Buffet Supper – Champlain Room
- 7:00 – 7:55 PM RoundTable Discussion #4 – Breakout Rooms
- 8:00 – 8:30 PM RT#4 – Sharing Time #4 – Main Room
- 9:00 – 11:00 PM Hospitality in the Courtyard (BYOB or buy your drinks in the bar)

Thursday, September 27

- 7:30 – 8:10 AM Breakfast Buffet – Champlain Room
- 8:15 – 9:40 AM General Session on Seafarer’s Rights, ICMA, ICSW, TWIC, Bible Translations – Main Room
- 9:45 – 9:55 AM Coffee Break in the Courtyard

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Through My Porthole

by Lloyd Burghart, Executive Secretary

I just noticed something about my porthole. It's not terribly big and so when I look through it, I get a really restricted view. I just can't get the whole picture. Even if I open it and stick my head out (my shoulders won't fit and neither will the rest of me), I can only see the view that's visible on this side of the ship. I really need to get out of here and get up on deck, or better yet, get away from the ship so I can get a bigger perspective, a wider viewpoint, a more holistic look.

You know, sometimes, we get so involved in our own port and our own difficulties in ministry and operating our centers, that we can't see the big picture. We get bogged down in the details. What I want to say is that we can't see the forest for the trees. But that's the wrong metaphor. We can't see the port for the masts. But our ships don't have a forest of masts. Maybe we can't see over the containers to the ships. We get a sort of tunnel vision.

That's really what NAMMAC 2007 is all about. It's an opportunity for each of us to expand our horizons and see what's going on beyond our port and our limited points of view. That's why we've called it "Sharing in Ministry: An Interactive Conference." After last year's conference in Newark, you told us that you wanted more time for interaction and you sent us a whole list of topics you would like to discuss with others. We looked that list over and said, "There's no way we can discuss all those things!" But I think we've hit on the solution.

We are going to have round-table discussions; five sessions of them! Of course you can't go to every one, but we've planned it so that after each session we meet together to share what we've discussed. Each breakout room will have the choice of having a large group discussion (say 25 people) on the same topic or two or three smaller groups (8 or so in a group). How you choose to do it is up to you. Each group will assign a chairperson to keep the discussion going and a recorder to write the key points on chart paper for the group sharing time. You will also need to decide who will make the presentation in the sharing time.

The sharing time isn't intended to be a time for

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10:00 –10:55 AM	RoundTable Discussion #5 - Breakout Rooms
11:00 –11:25 AM	RT#5-Sharing Time – Main Room
11:30 –12:10 PM	Denominational Worship – Breakout rooms
12:15 – 1:55 PM	Luncheon and Special Speaker – Champlain Room
2:00 – 3:25 PM	Second Plenary Session (elections and business)
3:45 – 4:00 PM	Coffee Break in the Courtyard
4:05 – 5:00 PM	Closing Worship Main Room
5:15 – 6:15 PM	Meeting of the Old and New Boards – Main Room
6:30 – 8:30 PM	Open Bar
7:00 – 9:00 PM	Banquet – Champlain Room
9:00 – 11:00 PM	Hospitality in the Courtyard (BYOB or buy your drinks in the bar)

Optional All -Day Trip to the Welland Canal and Niagara Falls

Friday, September 28

7:30 – 8:25 AM	Buffet Breakfast for those for whom arrangements have been made- Admission by ticket only
	7:45 (Pick up box lunch for bus trip)
8:30 AM	Meet in the lobby for the bus
10:00 approx	Customs and Immigration into Canada, Peace Bridge – Buffalo, NY to Fort Erie, ON (don't forget your passports)
10:45 AM	Welland Canal – Port Colborne (Lake Erie) – Check out www.wellandcanal.com which has a link so you can see where ships are between Montreal and Lake Erie or check out www.greatlakes-seaway.com which is a great site!
11:45 AM	Welland Canal – Thorold (flight locks 4-6)
12:30 PM	Welland Canal – Lock 3 Museum , St. Catharines, and lunch. Check out www.stcatharineslock3museum.ca
1:45 PM	Presentation by St. Lawrence Seaway Authority, Niagara Region
2:45 PM	Hillebrand Estates Winery Tour, Niagara-on-the-Lake (look them up at www.hillebrand.com)
5:00 PM	Niagara Falls (Canadian Side , Horseshoe Falls), Supper on your own Check out www.niagarafallsalive.com
9:00 PM	Meet at the bus, customs and immigration – Rainbow Bridge- Niagara Falls, ON to Niagara Falls, NY
10:00 PM??	Arrive back at the hotel

Have fun as you Google all these sites yourself! You won't have to take the trip, but you'll want to! Think of what you are missing!

(As of July 20th there are a few more seats available on the bus, so you can still register for the trip; first come, first served! See the registration forms for signing up.)

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discussion. We only have a half hour to hear from every group. So, if you and some others feel some topic needs further discussion, then you can do that in the next session. The topics aren't hard and fast; they are just what you told us you wanted to discuss. So really you are in control of the scope of the discussions. We are just the facilitators. Let us know if you want to repeat a topic.

About five minutes before the end of each discussion group you'll hear a bell and then you need to wind it up. You'll be asked to come quickly back to the main room so we can get right to the sharing. If you miss out on something, I intend to collect all the sheets and eventually compile them into a document we can all receive.

Just think . . . maybe NAMMAC 2007 will allow our limited portholes to become picture windows!

NAMMA Welcomes Revd. Hennie la Grange as its Keynote Speaker

The keynote address for "Sharing in Ministry: An Interactive Conference" is being given by the new General Secretary for ICMA (the International Christian Maritime Association) which is located in London, UK. He is the Revd. Hennie la Grange. By the time NAMMAC 2007 meets in Buffalo-Amherst, NY, Hennie will have been in his new position less than three months and he is just back from attending the Regional Conference East Asia held in Singapore, in the middle of September 2007. Since North America is the region of ICMA that NAMMA represents, we welcome him to be a part of the "Regional Conference North America," NAMMAC 2007. We at NAMMA are honored that he is coming to be with us so early in his term in office and as a result we can know each other better and develop a closer working relationship with our partners in Christian port ministry world-wide. (See his biography on page 5)

Special NAMMAC 2007 Conference Notes

- v There will be a Prayer Room available to conferees in the Boardroom. *The only exception is during Wednesday morning when a meeting will be held there.*
- v Denominational Prayer times are scheduled twice. On Wednesday before breakfast and on Thursday before lunch.
- v The hotel has a pool, spa, and exercise room adjacent to and across from the Boardroom. Bring your bathing suit!
- v The hotel has only two floors—no waiting for elevators!!
- v There is a restaurant and lounge on the premises near the Champlain Room..
- v Please note the conference registration and the hotel registration deadlines. They are both August 24. After that date, rooms at the conference rate are **not** guaranteed. Also a late fee for registration will begin. So act NOW!
- v This year the Hospitality Suite will be BYOB. You can buy drinks in the bar and bring them to the Hospitality Suite in the Courtyard. We'll try to have ice and soft drinks available.
- v A hotel map of the conference locations will be in your registration packet.
- v All conference activities take place at the hotel.

New ICMA General Secretary takes the wheel

The new ICMA General Secretary has taken office: the Revd. Hendrik François la Grange. Looking at the French name somebody at the World Congress of the Apostleship of the Sea asked: 'Does he as well speak English?' He does! In fact, English is his main language apart from Afrikaans as he and his wife Susan come from South Africa. As ICMA Secretariat is situated in the centre of London the two are making London their new home being housed in the manse of ICMA member Queen Victoria Seamen's Rest.

The official commissioning service will take place in one of the seamen's churches in Rotterdam on 19th October 2007. That is when the outgoing General Secretary, the Revd. Dr. Jurgen R.A. Kanz, will say his farewells.

Revd. la Grange was appointed by ICMA Executive Committee to take office on 1st July 2007 for an initial period of five years. Revd. la Grange, prior to moving to London, was chaplain to seafarers in Durban, South Africa, and has been ICMA's Southern Africa Regional Coordinator since 2005.

After leaving university, Mr. la Grange, 46, was ordained in the Nederduitsch Hervormde Kerk van Afrika in 1984 and served his church in different capacities in Durban. In 2000 he became full-time port chaplain of the Christian Seamen's Organisation in Durban. Mr. la Grange and his wife Susan have three daughters.

Mr. la Grange said: "I believe that the churches can best serve the seafarers of the world by working together as one. I trust that together we shall contribute to the dignity of seafaring folk by giving a voice to those who are marginalised though essential in the global trade."

Mr la Grange succeeds the Revd. Dr. Jurgen Kanz who will retire in the end of June after having served as ICMA's General Secretary from 2003 to 2007.





Views of Niagara Falls

Horseshoe Falls or Canadian Falls (above left)

American Falls and Bridal Veil (above right)

American Falls (right)

Panoramic View of both falls from Canada (below)

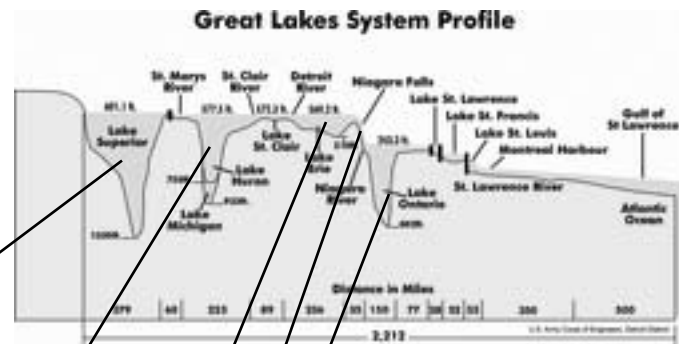


Roundtable Discussion Topics Schedule

<p>Session #1 Wednesday 10:00-11:00</p> <p>Directions: Appoint a chair and recorder/ reporter</p> <p><u>Each</u> session is followed by a general sharing for a half hour in the large room</p>	Breakout Room 1	Evangelism and Discipling Seafarers: 1-Effective evangelism methods being used with seafarers -- stories appreciated. 2-What are the real spiritual/religious needs of seafarers? Are we meeting them and how? 3-What are the major issues that seafarers face in their lives that we can help them talk through and how? 4-What are some effective materials and methods for sharing the gospel with seafarers? 5-What spiritual growth methods are being used to disciple seafarers in the Christian faith? 6-What is the most effective way to break the ice and make meaningful conversation with the seafarers? 7-How do we share the gospel with seafarers? 8-Is the Great Commission still valid?
	Breakout Room 2	Counseling Seafarers: 1-How can we open the door to more meaningful counseling with seafarers as needed. 2-How can we establish meaningful connections with seafarers in an increasingly rushed environment?
	Breakout Room 3	Balance in Ministry: 1-How do we balance the pastoral needs of seafarers, volunteers/colleagues, and the other wider Port community?
<p>Session #2 Wednesday 2:00-3:00</p>	Breakout Room 1	The Chaplain as an Individual: 1-Health of the chaplain; balancing ministry and personal life. 2-What are you doing in your professional and spiritual development? 3-What spiritual practices best support those practicing this unconventional and sometime lonely ministry? 5-Let's spend more time on the theology of why we do what we do. 6-How do conduct ministry amidst the challenges of this industry? 7-ministering to the ministers – helping ourselves
	Breakout Room 2	Whistleblowers and Criminalization: 1-What are the legal difficulties of seafarers who act as whistleblowers? 2-Criminalization of the seafarer
	Breakout Room 3	Relations with the Industry: 1- How can we improve our relationship with the industry and the industry with the chaplaincy? 2-How is the need for continuing education of seafarers being met?
<p>Session #3 Wednesday 3:45-4:45</p>	Breakout Room 1	Financing our Centers: 1-How do we gain financial support for our ministries? 2-Fund raising techniques 3-Sources of funding 4-How to raise funds from ship owners while their income is still good 5-fundraising ideas – again
	Breakout Room 2	Training Ship Visitors: 1-Planning for the recruiting and training of volunteer ship visitors and center staff. 2-What are the desirable elements of ship visitor training? 3- What is the ICSW program?
	Breakout Room 3	Solving Technical Problems: 1-How can we get better at technology – internet, cell phones, etc.? 2-Phone cards; naming names of service providers 3-internet problems – how do we deal with them



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Roundtable Discussion Topics Schedule (Continued from page 7)

Session #4 Wednesday 7:00-8:00	Breakout Room 1	Center Organization: 1-How to work effectively with volunteers 2-Personally I would like to see NAMMA working on or presenting a conference on starting new centers. I don't think most of the NAMMA members are interested in this but a few of us are and quite a few stakeholders are, such as agents, ITF, global societies (MtS, BISS, SCI-NY, LAMM) and some shippers. 3-What would you use for a justification of operating/maintaining/beginning a ministry in a very small port? 4-Joint ecumenical operations, theory and practice
	Breakout Room 2	Interpersonal relations with seafarers: 1-How can we improve our relationships with seafarers? 2-What are the emotional and psychological problems of seafarers? 3. Are there any ways we can help meet the spiritual/religious needs of seafarers' families back home?
	Breakout Room 3	General Discussion: 1-What are the effects of globalization on seafarers, ports, and chaplains? 2-How do we get board members involved? 3-Nut and bolts of center management – i.e., liability insurance. 4-Best hours of operation 5-the need for discussion about some issues concerning seafarer's mission. 6- What can be done to provide for Critical Incident Trauma Response training/review?
Session #5 Thursday 10:00-11:00	Breakout Room 1	Ship Access and Port Security: 1-How can chaplains gain access to ships when they are denied such access? 2-TWIC implementation 3-Would a symposium of chaplains' contribution with port officials, with top USCG, USTB, and USHS officials be helpful? 4- How could NAMMA do it or must it be done port by the port? 5-Methods of working with updated dock security and potentially with TWIC 6-TWIC & the impact on seafarers and chaplains and volunteers.
	Breakout Room 2	NAMMA as an Organization and its Conferences: 1-We really need to pay attention to those new to this ministry and ways of increasing the number of those who come so we can really network together and build NAMMA. 2- The idea of holding the NAMMA Conference every two years instead of every year needs to be addressed, as well.
	Breakout Room 3	ITF Seafarers' Trust Report on the state of Port Based Seafarers' Welfare Agencies: www.itfglobal.org/files/seealsodocs/4423/WelfareReport1.pdf 1- What are its major findings? 2- What are its Implications for our Centers and their present and future ministry?

Holiday Inn Buffalo/Amherst September 25-27 and September 28, 2007

NAMMAC 2007 will be held at the Holiday Inn Buffalo/Amherst, 1881 Niagara Falls Boulevard, Amherst, NY 14228-3599; Reservations: 716-691-8181 Fax: 716-691-4965. The website is www.hibuffaloamherst.com. You can make reservations at any time, but in order to obtain the NAMMA group rate you cannot call an 800 number. You must make your reservations by calling 716-691-8181. The rooms are available now, but you must mention NAMMA to get the special rate. (The line works; we've already made our reservation!)

The room rate for the conference is \$89 per night for a single or double occupancy. Please take careful note that **this special rate will expire on August 24**, one month before the conference begins. The hotel will not guarantee this rate nor the availability of rooms for registrations that come in after August 24, 2007.

Now you may well ask, "Why are there two dates listed in the headline?" The answer is that the actual dates for the conference activities are from Tuesday, September 25, 6:30 PM and ending after the banquet on Thursday, September 27. Friday, September 28, is an optional day trip along the Welland Canal, with a visit to the Lock 3 canal museum, a visit to the St. Lawrence Seaway International Headquarters, a winery tour is a possibility, and we will end the afternoon with a visit to Niagara Falls. Registration and charges for this trip must be made in advance and the costs will be separate from the conference costs. The stated cost may vary depending on the number of people who sign up and the size of the bus we obtain. Those going on the trip will have their breakfast together at the hotel, have a box lunch provided by the hotel and be on their own for supper in Niagara Falls. Our tour guide for the canal trip is Arthur Taylor of St. Catharines, ON. Arthur has been the Port Chaplain with the Welland Canal Mission for the past 35 years and is very knowledgeable about the canal itself and the ministry on it.

NAMMA Board Members need to be present for the board meeting which will begin Monday evening, September 24.

The conference theme is "Sharing in Ministry: An Inter4active Conference". We hope we will learn from each other, we will learn about mission work and seafaring on the Great Lakes, and we will grow in our knowledge of how we can better serve those to whom we have been called.

We will depart from the familiar panel-type presentations and focus on round-table interaction on topics which you, the participants in our survey, indicated you wanted to discuss. What topics? The Chaplain as an Individual; Evangelism and Discipling Strategies; Interpersonal Relations with Seafarers, including Counseling and Ministry to their families at home; Whistleblowers and Criminalization of Seafarers; TWIC and Port Security; Center Management and Financing; Solving Technology Problems; Ecumenical Concerns; and others. All together we have identified 15 groupings of the topics you said you wanted to discuss.

Conference Costs: Conference fees are payable with your registration by August 24, 2007

NAMMA members: \$210. Non-members: \$260 Registration after Aug. 24 -- Add \$30 per registration

Please pay in US dollars.

Please note that the board of directors has imposed an extra charge for non-members.

There is a free shuttle bus every half hour from the airport to the Holiday Inn, so NAMMA is providing *no* shuttle service.. The directions say to get your bags first, then go to the information panel. Under Lodging, look for the Hoiliday Inn - Buffalo/Amherst. There are three Holiday Inns in the Buffalo area, so get the right one. The panel allows you to connect directly with the hotel for information on the next pick-up and where to find the shuttle.

NAMMAC 2007
September 25-27, 2007 – Buffalo, New York

NAMMA Conference Registration
(Registration deadline is August 24, 2007)

Each individual must register, including family members.)

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Address _____

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Postal Code/Zip _____ Country _____

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at (time) _____

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Hotel Reservations must be made separately by August 24, 2007. Mention "NAMMA":

Registration/Conference fee must accompany registration. Make check payable to:

"NAMMA 2007 Conference" and send funds and registration to:

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Optional Day Trip along the Welland Canal and to Niagara Falls

Friday, September 28, 2007

The registration deadline has passed. There are still some spaces available; first come, first served.

Absolutely! I wouldn't miss it! You can count on me going.

Name _____

I am enclosing \$50. I understand there will be some adjustment +/- depending on how many sign up.

Send your reservation with your check and this slip for each person.

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Upcoming Events

Sep 25-28	NAMMAC 2007	Buffalo, NY
Sep 30-Oct 4	American Association of Port Authorities (AAPA) (booth display)	Norfolk, VA
Oct 7-20	Seafarer' Ministry Training (ICMA)	Rotterdam, Neth.
Oct 19-21	ICMA Exec.Com. and Regional Coordinator's Meeting Consultative Forum and AGM	Rotterdam, Neth.
Oct 25	World Maritime Day IMO's Response to Current Environmental Challenges	New York, NY
1030	Non-Denominational Woorship Service-The Most Rev Katharine Jefforts Schori, Presiding Bishop, ECUSA	
1200	NAMMA Awards Luncheon-Union Club, 101 East 69th Street, New York, NY	
1400	World Maritime Day Observance-Forum	
1730	Reception	
	Evening Dinner to launch the formation of NAMEPA (North American Marine Environment Protection Association	



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