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## NAMMA Plenary Convenes July 26

NAMMA's annual Plenary Meeting will take place in connection with the ICMA World Conference in New Orleans, at the New Orleans Downtown Doubletree Hotel, July 26-27, 2004, convening at 1300 hours July 26.

Registration information and materials are posted on the NAMMA web page.

Issues include election of officers and board members for the next two years, and consideration of NAMMA's Visioning Committee Report. Other agenda items will include a proposed Bylaw change, suspension of the rules due to the special circumstances of this year's Plenary, and reception of reports on several important topics: developments in port security in the US; and similar developments internationally.

The Bylaw change has been proposed by the Constitution and Bylaws Committee, chaired by the Rev. John Jamnicky, at the request of the board at their meeting last January.

### Proposed new bylaw:

#### 8. Audit.

The financial records of NAMMA will be reviewed by a qualified financial professional at least every five years. The finance committee shall be responsible for an internal or independent audit each year.

This change is to allow audit by an outside professional rather than a Certified Public Accountant, who is not required by any NAMMA's agreements or other documents, and who in the estimate of the board, NAMMA cannot afford. It was recommended by Counselor Jack Bernstein. Required notice for this proposal was sent to all NAMMA members early in June.

### Procedural issues:

1. NAMMA's Constitution calls for nominations for officers and board at a plenary session two days separated from the plenary where they will be elected. This will not be possible in New Orleans, and so a resolution will be considered to suspend the rules to allow election only one day following the first plenary.

2. NAMMA's Bylaws call for candidates for office to be "voting members." Deadline for paying dues to qualify to vote is April 1 of each year. Some of this year's nominees paid their dues late. Since the Nominating Committee began their work many weeks before April 1, this was an unfortunate result. A resolution will be con-

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## World Conference Program

(subject to change)

Wed., July 28: Welcome  
All day NAMMA volunteers needed  
1500 ICMA Annual General Assembly (ICMA member representatives only)  
1930 Welcome

Thurs., July 29: ICMA  
0900 Ecumenical Opening Service, St. Louis' Cathedral.  
Preacher: Archbishop Terry Finlay  
1030 Keynote: Dr. Jürgen Kanz, "ICMA - Facing Challenges, Preparing for the Future"  
1130 Bible Study  
1500 Report on training within ICMA  
1645 Emergency Response Ministry (roundtable)  
Opening Banquet

Friday, July 30: Mariners  
0900 Morning prayers  
Bible Study  
1030 Keynote: Capt. Bill Douglas, "A Mariner Speaks to the Chaplains"  
1100 Keynote: Skipper Floyd Squires, "A Fisher Speaks to the Chaplains"  
1130 Ronald Pederson, "Theology of Port Chaplaincy"  
1430 Cruise Ship Ministry (round table)  
1500 Douglas Stevenson, "ICMA's Prophetic Ministry of Justice"  
Workshops  
Cajun Night

Saturday, July 31: Partnership and Cooperation  
0900 Morning prayers  
Bible Study  
1030 Hans Ucko (World Council of Churches), "Ecumenical and Interfaith Cooperation"  
1130 Joe Cox (Chamber of Shipping in America), "New Developments and Challenges"  
1430 Mike Camping (International Seafarers' Assistance Network)  
1445 Joerg Pflautsch, "Sports of the Seven Seas"  
1500 Andrew Elliott, "Cooperation between ICSW and ICMA"



*The Rev. Sakari Lehmuskallio (L), Chair of the ICMA Executive Committee, will chair the ICMA Conference. The Rev. Jürgen Kanz, General Secretary of ICMA, provides staff support with the Rev. Peter Michaelson, Executive Secretary of NAMMA.*

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Workshops  
Society Meetings

Sunday, August 1: New Orleans and the Mississippi  
Worship in local churches  
Riverboat Ride & Lunch on the *Natchez*  
Free evening

Monday, August 1: Ministry and Mission  
0900 Morning prayers  
0915 Bishop Thomas Burns (AoS UK) "The Chaplain in Mission"  
1030 Kaarlo Kalliala, "Chaplain's Role in Community and Church for Seafarers"

Workshops  
1300 Sakari Lehmuskallio, Message and Closing Observations  
1630 Closing Ecumenical Worship  
Closing Banquet

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*The Rev. Canon Bill Christianson, General Secretary of the Mission of Seafarers, will take the chair of ICMA at the end of the New Orleans World Conference. Canon Bill will preach at the closing service of the Conference.*

**World Conference Workshops**

- Strengthening Chaplains' Skills through Training
- Pastoral Care in 20 Minutes
- The Chaplains' Spirituality
- Ecumenism: Connecting People
- Ministry Among Fishers
- Political Action as a Challenge of Caring for Seafarers
- Fund Raising and Center Development
- Asian Spirituality
- Psychological Impact of Staying Months Away from Home
- Elements of a Seafarer-centered Paradigm for Maritime Mission: Revisioning Maritime Mission for a Globalized Era
- Crisis Preparedness Course & Evaluation

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sidered to allow candidates who paid their dues late but well before the Conference, to be nominated and elected, although they cannot vote at this year's Plenary.

**Port Security:**

Mr. Douglas Stevenson will report how acceptance of the international seafarers' credential by the US as a visa, has been referred to the new Department of Homeland Security rather than the State Department. This has improved the chances.

Port Security Committee's have been appointed by the US Coast Guard captain of each port. One of their tasks has been to develop a port security plan, including plans for access to and from vessels at every facility in the port. The deadline for these plans is July 1; and the Committees will remain in force afterwards to see to the plans' implementation. Chaplains in several ports have been active in their committees; a panel of some of them will share their strategies and developments.

**Visioning Report:**

Details of the Committee's work were included in the Winter, 2004 Waterlines (available on NAMMA's web page). Additional materials are under development and will be provided to NAMMA members at or just before the Conference.

—PRM

## NAMMA Officer Nominees

*Each for a Two Year Term*

### For President: The Rev. James Von Dreele



Jim Von Dreele has served the Episcopal Church as a priest for the last 32+ years — 25 in small parish ministry and the last 7 1/2 years as the Executive Director of the Seamen's Church Institute in Philadelphia. He has been on the Board of NAMMA since 1997 as an elected member, as representative of the Mission to Seafarers North America/Caribbean and as President for the last two years. His major focus these past two years has been to guide the Board in a strategic planning process to strengthen the organization to be more supportive of the various port ministries in North America. With the adoption of the Strategic Plan by the Board last January, he hopes, if reelected as President, to move forward the implementation of the Plan during the next two years. —JVD

### For VicePresident: The Rev. Aias de Souza

The Rev. de Souza is Executive Director of the International Seamen's Center of Mobile, Alabama, an agency of the Southern Baptist Convention. He has been an active voting member of NAMMA for many years. (No additional biography available.)



### For Recording Secretary: Mrs. Maggie Whittingham-Lamont

Maggie Whittingham-Lamont has been secretary of NAMMA for 8 years. She is Manager of the Mission to Seafarers in Halifax Canada and has been involved with seafarers ministry for 13 years. As well as working full time at the Mission, Maggie who is the widow of a seafarer is currently secretary of the Merchant Navy Veteran's Association for Halifax/ Dartmouth and is a member of Rotary International. She was awarded the Paul Harris Medal earlier this year for community service. —MWL

### For Treasurer: The Rev. Dr. Jim Lindgren

I have been a part of NAMMA for 22 years and have been serving as the Treasurer for the past two years. I am excited about the direction NAMMA is taking and am pleased to be a part of the Board and to participate in the new directions it is taking. I am also willing to serve for another two years as Treasurer. NAMMA has always been an important part of Seafarers Ministry for me. —JL



## NAMMA Board Nominees

*Each for a Two Year Term - Vote for Four Only*

### The Rev. Lloyd Burghart

Rev. Burghart retired in 2004 from the position of Director of the Ministry to Seafarers in Montreal. He has begun a new mariners' ministry in a new location, Fonthill, Ontario. He served the last two years on NAMMA's board and was voted a "life member" of NAMMA at the 2003 Plenary. (No further biographical information available.)



### Deacon Albert Dacanay

Deacon Dacanay currently serves as Director of the Apostleship of the Sea - Canada. His secular vocation lies in information technology. He previously served on NAMMA's board, ending his last term in 2002. (No additional biographical information available.)



### The Rev. Tony Haycock

Fr. Haycock is Executive Director of the Catholic Seamen's Club, Seattle. (No picture or bio is available.)

### Dr. Jim Hughes

James R. (Jim) Hughes, MD, MPH, is a retired pediatrician living in Vermont. His maritime experience includes three years as a US Naval officer. He has been an active member of the United Church of Christ since that denomination's founding. Currently a member of the Post Mills Congregational Church, UCC, he has served as deacon, secretary, and choir member. He serves on the board of Boston Seafarers' Friend, until recently in its chair. He has traveled to Nicaragua for relief work following hurricane Mitch, visited Cuba in 2002, and Turkey in 2004. *-JRH*



### The Rev. Clint Padgitt

I am an ELCA (Lutheran) pastor, Chaplain/Executive Director of the German Seamen's Mission of New York since 1978. As a child I lived in New Orleans, Dallas, New Jersey, and Swtzeland. I studied at Princeton University, Dallas Theological Seminary, Trinity College, Oxford, and the University of PA. Between studies and after, I served in Hannover, Germany and pastored two German-language congregations in New York City along with the German Seamen's Mission.



I have been full-time Seafarers' Chaplain since 1983 and have had the opportunity to get to know thousands of seafarers. I believe strongly in this ministry and would like to see it strengthen, expand, and become more effective through NAMMA. I believe that all of our ministries are interconnected and that we need to communicate with each other and work together to spread God's Word and God's Love in the maritime world. *-CP*

### Deacon Glenn Teske

I have been a member of NAMMA and attended the annual meetings since 1996. I am Chaplain for the Port of Green Bay, appointed by my Bishop, at the request of Fr. Jim Dillenberg. I serve as a member of the Seafares Ministry of Green Bay, where all active volunteers are members of the Board.

I was born and raised in the Green Bay area. I served the US Naval Reserve for 25 years, six years on active duty as enlisted and then officer personnel.

I received a Masters Degree in Social Work and spent 27 yrs in Practice, with the State of Wisc., County Juvenile Court, residential care of children and youth, and then 12 yrs in hospital chaplaincy.

My current ministry is ship visiting; coordinating community services; serving on National Board of AoS USA; and serving as Chairperson for the Certification Committee of AOSUSA. *-GT*

### The Rev. Philip Vandercook

Rev. Vandercook is a Southern Baptist Minister and Executive Director of Global Ministries International of New Orleans. He is serving as Local Committee Chair for the ICMA World Conference. (No picture or bio is available.)

### The Rev. Len Williams

Arthur Lenwood (Len) Williams  
Born Charleston, SC

Education:

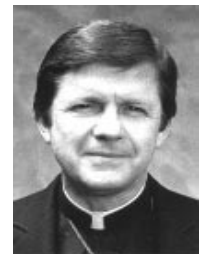
Wofford College, AB  
The Citadel, Graduate studies  
Episcopal Theological Seminary  
of Kentucky, Mdiv

Work History:

Taught history, 6 years  
Pharmaceutical representative for 10 years  
Parish priest for 21 years in Mississippi  
Serving as Port Chaplain in Charleston, SC

Parish and Community:

Chaplain for diocesan camp for handicapped  
Dean, North Miss. Convocation  
President, Ministerial association  
Volunteer chaplain, retirement community  
Board member, Parkwood Hospital, Memphis, TN  
Board member, Family & Children's Services  
Exec. Director, Samaritans' Ministry *-ALW*



## Book Corner

William Langeweische, *The Outlaw Sea: A World of Freedom, Chaos, and Crime*, New York: North Point Press, 2004. Reviewed by the Rev. Paul Chapman.

Of the many books that are published about life at sea, few raise such big questions as *The Outlaw Sea*. You can read it for the fascinating and troubling stories it tells about recent maritime disasters and you can also read it for the prophetic word it implies about the nature of our world. Is life on land essentially as chaotic and uncontrollable as life on the world's oceans?

*The Outlaw Sea* is based on articles by William Langeweische for the New Yorker – mostly detailed descriptions of tragic sea accidents involving huge loss of life and environmental damage. More than a third of the book describes the tragedy of the ferry *Estonia*, sunk in the Baltic on September 28, 1994 with loss of 852 lives. The conclusion from this and other disasters is that the shipping industry operates beyond the reach of law, and after extensive investigations little improvement has resulted.

The author's question remains: As the sea dominates the surface of our globe, does its chaos and tumult describe our entire planet more accurately than the ordered civilization? Port chaplains working the boundary between order and chaos will be intrigued. For example, the sinking of the *Dona Paz* (Philippines, December 20, 1987) and the *Bukoba* (Tanzania, May 20, 1996) and other ferries in the Third World with thousands of lives lost is fundamentally the consequence of poverty in those lands. The book prompts the question, Do we live in the illusion of civilization and progress when in fact the injustice and corruption that contributed to the ferry disasters and the general disorder of the shipping world are metaphors of the chaos of the inhabited world as well? ###

## Chaplain Survey Feedback

At the request of the Board, Carleen Lyden-Kluss was asked to develop materials for promoting NAMMA's Visioning Report. Part of her research was to survey a few chaplains. Below is a very brief taste. More will be shared in the time ahead.

### WHAT THREE WORDS BEST DESCRIBE WHAT YOU DO?

- Radical hospitality
- Practical, relational, spiritual
- Advocacy, service, witness
- Entrepreneurial, self-supporting
- Justice, presence
- Caring presence
- Unassuming
- Ministry of compassion
- Public relations
- Linking people with resources
- Micah 6:8 "Do justice, love mercy, walk humbly with your God."

## Around the Ports

At their annual conference, the Massachusetts Conference of the United Church of Christ passed with less than a handful of dissenting votes the attached resolution on Seafarer Rights. The resolution was inspired by the visit of the Freedom Schooner AMISTAD to Boston last October with the Mass. Conference as the primary sponsor. I believe there were some 800 delegates who voted on the resolution. I should add that our Minister and President gave very positive reference to the resolution in her address to the conference and a member of the National UCC staff also made a key reference in his remarks. Thanks be to God for our being able to be an instrument to lift up the voice of the seafarers to whom we minister.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the 205<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Massachusetts Conference of the United Church of Christ invites all churches in the Conference to study the status of seafarers and consider working for the advocacy of seafarer's rights to shore leave in U.S. ports through

1. Urging their congressional representatives, and through them the State Department, for United States of America ratification and full implementation of the Seafarers' Identification Documents as substitutes for crewmember visas for shore leave purposes (ILO 185).

2. Urging marine terminal owners and operators who do not allow seafarers to exercise their right to shore leave at their terminals, especially any in Massachusetts ports, to comply with the spirit and specifications of the Coast Guard interim regulations for crew shore leave. –Rev. Bill Fleming



Archbishop Terry Finlay retired June 1 from his diocese of Toronto, but continues for at least a year as Anglican Episcopal Promoter for Mission to Seafarers in Canada. Archbishop Terry will preach at the opening service of the ICMA Conference.

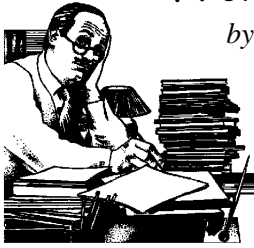
## Lutheran Association for Maritime Ministry (LAMM)

LAMM Annual Meeting, Sat., July 31, 2030 hours in New Orleans

LAMM Denominational Meeting, Wed. morning, New Orleans

## From the Secretary's Desk

by Executive Secretary Peter Michaelson



In just a few weeks our historic conferences will convene in New Orleans. There is still a lot of work to be done, but the program, special events, and arrangements are at last coming together. We will be treated to the deep fellowship of maritime chaplains worldwide; we will sample the unique culture of New Orleans; we will deepen our professional skills by hearing from mariners and expert chaplains from all over the world. Those attending will renew our faith, our professional ideas and skills, we will regather as God's workers among the worlds seafarers and fishers, and deepen our response to God's commission to minister to the people of the sea. Those who can be there will benefit directly and those who cannot will gain through reports and ideas we will share afterward. There will be a special session on the international situation for port security, while security concerns will be a part of most of the presentations.

One of the special gifts NAMMA can share with our overseas brothers and sisters, is the great enjoyment NAMMA members share in coming together.

We will also conduct some business:

At the NAMMA Conference:

- o Elect officers and four new board members
- o Hear, discuss and develop the long range plan for NAMMA

At the ICMA Conference:

- o Recognize a new chairman and vice-chairman of ICMA
  - o Receive a report of the ICMA Development Committee
  - o Hear reports of ICMA-related training and ministry activities
- Port Ministries International, Apostleship of the Sea, Mission to Seafarers- North America and the Caribbean, and the Lutheran Association for Maritime Ministries are all making plans to meet during the same time frame.

Mainly we will "renew, regather, and respond." The opening worship of the ICMA Conference will take place at St. Louis' Cathedral. The preacher at that time will be Archbishop Terry Finlay, newly retired Archbishop of the Anglican Diocese of Toronto and a longtime member of NAMMA. A grand procession of national flags and agency flags is planned for this service.

Most days will feature a Bible study. Friday, July 30, the Bible study will be followed by two keynote addresses, one from Capt. Bill Douglas, instructor of maritime education at Seamen's Church Institute's Houston Education Center; and the other from Floyd Squires, retired fisher (crabber) from Puget Sound, Washington. They will assist us chaplains to see what the mariners expect and need from us. Later in the day, a panel of chaplains at cruise ship terminals share their reflections on the special conditions of their sector of port ministry.

Eleven workshops are scheduled each of three days. We will all want to be in three places at once so as not to miss anything. Most of us will have a problem doing that - but it will be a great time anyway.

See you in New Orleans!

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