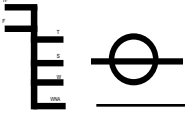


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Newsletter of the North American Maritime Ministry Association Summer, 2003

Letter from the President

by the Rev. Jim Von Dreele



I look forward to seeing many of you at the NAMMA Conference in September. Our hosts in the Bay Area have planned an excellent meeting for us which should meet many of our needs for the ministry we share. Our conference is an important time for refreshment, learning, fellowship and networking. Because we are so spread out across North America, this annual gathering is an important opportunity to overcome some of our isolation from each other. Please make every effort to come to Oakland in September.

This past year we have been engaged in a "visioning process" to see where NAMMA needs to be in the future. In this issue of *Waterlines* you will find the results of our discussions and some suggestions for future growth and initiatives. We will have an open discussion at one of the plenary sessions at the conference and look forward to your ideas and suggestions. The committee found the process challenging and exciting. We will continue this planning process through the coming year.

Port security and crew detentions are ever on our minds these days. Many sense that things are actually getting worse rather than better. Doug Stevenson recently sent out a report regarding the extra hurdles in getting visas being imposed by the US Government. I encourage you to follow up with comments of your own to visareg@state.gov. On July 23rd I am offering my comments to the Homeland Security hearing in Washington on the Coast Guard's proposed regulations for ports and terminals. I will share those remarks with you and again encourage you to make your own comments to the appropriate agency.

Faithfully yours,
Jim Von Dreele

"Worldwide Ministry" Theme Centers Oakland Conference

Hotel Reservations:

Call the Bay Bridge Holiday Inn, Emeryville, (510) 658-9300. The discount code for the conference is "MMA" (conference registration materials list an incorrect code).

Conference Registration:

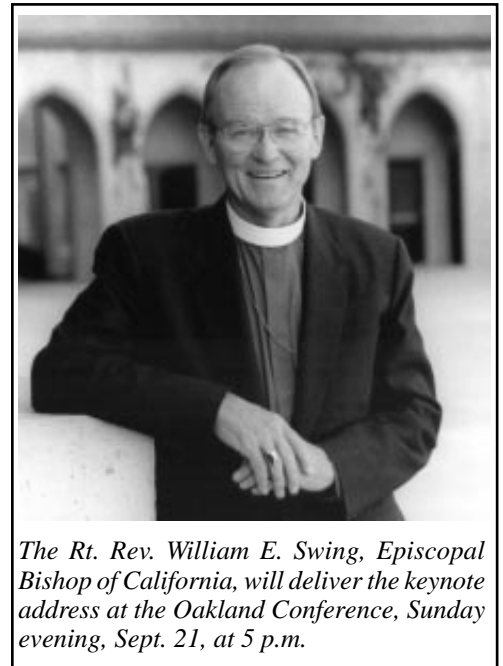
NAMMAC registration information and materials are available on NAMMA's web page, see address above.

Directions:

From San Francisco Airport (SFO)

The San Francisco Airport is perhaps 45 miles from the conference site, and traffic is guaranteed congested at any time of day or night.

- By BART (Bay Area Rapid Transit). BART is the San Francisco answer to the subway. There is a new station at the San Francisco Airport and another across the street from the Holiday Inn in Emeryville, which is hosting the conference. Fare is approximately \$5 each way. The first BART train arrives at the airport at 5:24 a.m.; the last leaves at 11:54 p.m.
- By bus. The old way is to take a Metro (means "bus") from the airport into San Francisco, then walk to the BART station for a ride to the hotel.
- By van. Several of the hotels in Berkeley run convenience vans. A taxi can then be taken from the Berkeley hotel to the Holiday Inn in Emeryville. The Holiday Inn does not run a van. This would be an expensive option (beyond taking a taxi the whole way).



The Rt. Rev. William E. Swing, Episcopal Bishop of California, will deliver the keynote address at the Oakland Conference, Sunday evening, Sept. 21, at 5 p.m.

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Nominees for Election at Oakland

NAMMA's Nominating Committee will place the following names in nomination at the Plenary Meeting Sept. 22, for election to the board for a two year term. There are four board seats to be filled this year.

The Rev. Marshall Bundren – Burns Harbor, IN

Cdr. Michael Cicalese – Boston, MA

The Rev. Jim Keating (incumbent) – Chicago, IL

The Rev. Andrew Krey (incumbent) – New York

The Rev. Lacy Largent – Houston, TX

The Rev. David Mesenbring – Ft. Lauderdale, FL

Mr. Floyd Squires – Seattle, WA

The Rev. Christian Villagomez – Tampa, FL

Additional nominations may be made from the floor on Sept. 22. Biographical information for Jim Keating, David Mesenbring, and Lacy Largent was published in the Spring *Waterlines*.

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Cdr. Michael Cicalese, USCGR

- Graduated City Univ of NY (CUNY) in 1976 with a BA in Health Science. Graduated with honors.
- Worked as an Assist. Science Researcher at New York Univ from 1976 to 1980.
- Joined the U.S. Coast Guard in 1980-83. Served as Officer in Charge of the International Ice Patrol, ships' navigation and deck watch officer. Rotated to Active Reserve duty.
- Joined Digital Equip Corp from 1984 -1994 as the Business Manager for all CDROM operations.
- Graduated Leslie College, Cambridge, 1985 with a M.S. in Mgmt Sciences. Graduated with honors.
- Recalled to CG active duty, 1994-2000. Served as executive officer of a surf-boat station, commanding officer of a law enforcement station, group operations officer, property officer, patrol commander for tall ships. Rotated to the active reserve. Awarded the Meritorious Service Medal with operational designation.
- Called as Executive Director of Mariners' House, Boston, 2001. Participate in NEMMA, the New England Maritime Ministry Assn.

Floyd G. Squires, Jr.

- Grew up in the San Juan Islands, Washington State.
- At an early age, was involved with commercial fishing in Washington and Alaska.
- After the death of son-in-law who was crab fishing in Bering Sea, was introduced to the Pacific Northwest Washington Maritime Ministry in 1995.
- Involved with re-organization of NWWA Synod Maritime Ministry (Northwest Washington Synod, Evangelical Lutheran Church in America).
- Board Chair of NWWA Maritime Ministry since 1998.
- Actively involved in ministry to fishers in the Seattle-Everett area.

VISION:

- To strengthen ecumenical ties for all maritime ministries of North America.
- To work within United States governmental systems that now restrict our ability to minister to all seafarers who visit U.S. ports-of-call.
- To encourage an active ministry amongst fishers in North America.

Ideas for a New Vision of NAMMA Take Shape

Through the year since the last NAMMA Plenary Meeting, NAMMA's Visioning Committee has worked to develop a sense of how NAMMA might develop its goals and activities for the next few years. As a result of consultations with the Board of Directors, members and leaders, the Committee has come to agreement that NAMMA should continue its role of supporting the ministries of its members through information and communication; but also that NAMMA should take the initiative in five areas:

- Educating the public about port chaplaincy and developing support, including funding, for existing and new ministries.
- Advocacy for maritime people.
- Raising professional standards among chaplains and educating members of NAMMA.
- "Practical concerns" – Increasing funding for the work of NAMMA.
- Evangelizing and Pastoral Care.

Those participating in the Visioning process have been: The Revs. Jim Von Dreele, Lloyd Burghart, Bill Hempel, Sinclair Oubre, John Jamnicky, Peter Larom, and Peter Michaelson.

The Committee developed possible plans for these initia-



Directions to the Conference, cont.

From Oakland Airport (much closer, in the East Bay, where the conference will be)

- There is a BART station at the Oakland Airport also. BART is the recommended mode.
- Taxi.

tives for discussion and action by the Board and members of NAMMA. These are intended as starting points for discussion at the NAMMAC in Oakland in September:

Educating the public about port chaplaincy and developing support, including funding, for existing and new ministries

1. Develop a tract "What is maritime ministry?" for centers to use locally
 - On shipboard with mariners
 - With denominations, congregations, etc.
2. Develop a display booth for use at conventions and industry gatherings.
3. Assist agencies to develop relationships with port authorities
 - Offer consultations with recognized experts from among members
 - Provide a presence at AAPA conventions, with booth
 - Establish a "universal standard" a best practice for dealing with vessel tariffs
 - Provide NAMMAC workshop
4. Media outreach:
 - Develop a press office (in NAMMA) whose function would be to release regular and special press information, and to maintain a media contact list.
 - Offer a session on media relations at NAMMAC.
5. Write a "center check-up" to help ministries evaluate their own public contacts
 - Post on web page, provide pamphlet at NAMMAC
 - Provide resources for improving public contacts (contact information, consultation, written materials)

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Meeting Dates and Info

NAMMA Board, Sat., Sept. 20, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Bay Bridge Holiday Inn, Emeryville, CA.
 LAMM Annual Meeting, Sun., Sept. 21, Oakland Int. Seafarers' Center, 1300 hours.
 NAMMAC 2003, September 21-24, Emeryville, CA.
 LAMM Board, Sept. 24, Emeryville.
 AoS-USA, Sept. 25, Emeryville.
 ICMA Exec. Cmte., Oct. 4, 2003, Helsinki.
 ICMA Annual General Meeting, Oct. 5., Helsinki.
 NAMMAC 2004, July 26-27, 2004, New Orleans
 ICMA World Conference 2004, July 28-Aug. 2, 2004, New Orleans, LA.

Visioning Ideas, Cont from p.3.

Advocacy for maritime people

1. Gather input on policy problems:
 - Appoint fisheries chairs & study group to cover both US & Canadian problems, report at NAMMAC.
 - Appoint a study group on models for ministry with the US & Canadian merchant marine. Consider a regular column in *Waterlines*.
 - Appoint a study/education committee on inland marine ministry; consider a regular *Waterlines* column on this aspect. Joy Manthey was suggested to help with this.
2. Propose national legislation on cruise ship standards to eliminate lines' playing of US ports against each other.
3. Advocate in US and Canada for ratification of ILO 163.
4. Develop relationships with ship owners
 - Attend their meetings.
 - Appoint Ship Owners' Advisory Committee.
 - Organize an owners' panel session at NAMMAC.

Raising professional standards among chaplains and educating members of NAMMA.

1. Solicit a mandate at the Annual Plenary for a certification program.

2. Research existing certification programs, e.g. American College of Chaplains
3. Provide dispensatory out for "impossible" situations; grandfatherly options
4. Take a larger staff role in planning annual conferences.

"Practical concerns" – Increasing funding for the work of NAMMA.

1. Raise registration fees for NAMMAC, include fee for NAMMA
2. Charge for meals at NAMMAC or reduce meals included in registration
3. Employ a manager for conferences

Evangelizing and Pastoral Care.

1. Develop an emergency response assistance team
2. Affirm NAMMA's faith in the risen Christ as Savior.
3. Accept responsibility for NAMMA's pastoral evangelizing and liturgical role (among others).
4. Sponsor dialog/serious theological discussion about "Evangelizing and Pastoral Care"
 - At NAMMAC. Be aware of those who are not theologs.
 - In SMT schools
 - We must respect and honor each others' faith and traditions, even when we do not appreciate their Tradition.

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