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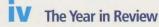
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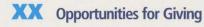
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## Director's Log



The Rev. Peter Larom

"In recent years, the Seamen's Church Institute has sought to share its vast experience in maritime ministry with foreign chaplains in the hope that more chaplains will be called to do this important work."

IN TODAY'S EXPANDING GLOBAL ECONOMY, NEW PORTS ARE DEVEL-OPING RAPIDLY IN COUNTRIES IN EMERGING REGIONS OF THE WORLD AND THERE IS A CRITICAL NEED FOR PORT MISSIONS IN THESE PORTS.

Port missions provide hospitality, advocacy, counseling, and other services to merchant seafarers who visit their ports. Seafarers from developing countries are often without an advocate as they do not have the consular or home government assistance that those from Western countries enjoy.

Since, collectively, seafarers are responsible for transporting 97 percent of international commerce, their health and well-being is integral to the safety of the vessel and IMPORTANT TO THE SUCCESS OF THE INDUSTRIES THEY SERVE. Seafarers have come to rely on port missions.

IN RECENT YEARS, THE SEAMEN'S CHURCH INSTITUTE HAS SOUGHT TO SHARE ITS VAST EXPERIENCE IN MARITIME MINISTRY WITH FOR-EIGN CHAPLAINS IN THE HOPE THAT MORE CHAPLAINS WILL BE CALLED TO DO THIS IMPORTANT WORK. THE INTERNATIONAL TRAINING CENTER FOR WORKPLACE MINISTRY, AN SCI PROGRAM, HAS TRAINED CHAP-LAINS FROM CHURCHES IN REMOTE PORT LOCALES-PLACES SUCH AS MADAGASCAR, BRAZIL, SOLOMON ISLANDS, GHANA, TANZANIA, THE UKRAINE AND MYANMAR-TO PROVIDE A CHRISTIAN WELCOME AND SERVICES. THE HENRY LUCE FOUNDATION, AMONG OTHERS, HAS PROVIDED SCI WITH MAJOR SUP-PORT FOR THIS EFFORT.

Our challenge now is to provide communication links between these far-flung port cities, their emerging ministries and our home base here at SCI. These links will help us support these new missions as they grow to serve merchant seafarers of all nations.

#### FAITHFULLY,

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The Rev. Peter Larom Executive Director August 19, 1997





## Reaching Distant Shores SCI Empowers Chaplains to Start Port Missions

"Traditionally, port missions have provided hospitality and pastoral counseling to seafarers. But, the changing world political and economic climate has brought about new challenges for port missions, especially those in developing nations."

### Incident Report: Port of Vitoria, Brazil, February 23, 1997

A foreign flag vessel arrived in port and as quickly as possible the captain sought the local port chaplain's counsel. The crew had not been paid for more than nine months. Eleven seafarers had finished their contract, yet no arrangements had been made by the company to send them home. The food supply was running low. The ship's air conditioner hadn't worked for weeks and in the 90° weather the ship was oppressively hot. The crew's living quarters were roach-infested. Not surprisingly, four men were sick.

This scenario was taken from an incident reported to the Center for Seafarers' Rights by Damivan dos Santos who founded the seafarers' center in Vitoria, Brazil. It depicts a situation not all that uncommon to chaplains in maritime ministry.

Pastor dos Santos is a member of a growing network of port missioners in emerging regions of the world. A Baptist minister who spent six years as a missionary in the Amazon jungle, Pastor dos Santos knew how to respond to this captain's plea for help for he had confronted similar challenges while studying at SCI's International Training Center for Workplace Ministry.

The International Training Center, or ITC as it is commonly called, is a program unique to the Seamen's Church Institute of New York and New Jersey. It is an intensive nine-month internship that trains chaplains to minister to people in non-parochial, workplace settings. In doing so, it greatly expands the Institute's outreach to seafarers. It is a program of action, reflection and study drawn from the context and experience of seafaring ministry and North American urban environments. The program empowers individuals to return to their home ports and establish viable missions.

When Pastor dos Santos and his wife arrived in Vitoria in early 1995 they knew no one, were unfamiliar with the area, and had no financial backing. Yet they were intent on beginning a new ministry in the South American port city. And they did. With knowledge gained at ITC, the dos Santos' have established a center to assist the 150 seafarers who visit their local port on a daily basis.

A world away in the port city of Honiara, which lies on the northwest coast of Guadalcanal and is the capital of the Solomon Islands, Wilson Mapuru visits seafarers on containerships, dry bulk vessels and tankers. Ministry is Father Mapuru's second career. His first was as a master of British government ships. Though he was wellinformed about the seafarers' way of life, prior to his ITC internship this Anglican minister had no formal training as to how to organize, manage and financially sustain a vibrant port mission. Today, his seamen's center serves 350 seafarers each week.

Traditionally, port missions have provided hospitality and pastoral counseling to seafarers. But, the changing world political and economic climate has brought about new challenges for port missions, especially those in developing nations. Seafarers visiting these ports rely on the local port missioner for assistance with a host of workplace issues, legal problems, and health concerns.

These types of issues are often resolved through negotiations with organizational hierarchies unfamiliar to most people outside the maritime industry. The local port authority, customs agents, trade unions, immigration officials and shipping agents all have roles in the maze of international maritime

The Rt. Rev. Joe Morris Doss, bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of New Jersey, presided over the Celebration of New Ministry held during the ITC graduation for the class of 1997.



rules and procedures that affect seafarers. To be empowered to act in the seafarers' best interests, port chaplains must know how to navigate the port infrastructure.

Another challenge for port missioners is interfacing with people of different cultures and faiths which is inherent to the international workplace of the sea.

Although many seafarers profess some form of Christianity, many are also believers of other major world religions or no religion at all. The cultural and religious make-up of a ship's crew is most often diverse, which can make living and working side-by-side, seven days a week, for up to 12 months at a time extraordinarily difficult. Many of the chaplains in the ITC program are also meeting people outside their own ethnic heritage for the first time.

As the largest, most comprehensive agency of its kind in North America, SCI is held in high regard among its peers in port ministry. Chaplains of different Christian faiths from around the globe have applied for admission to the ITC program. Four are chosen each year from among the pool of applicants. Interns with family responsibilities must make prior arrangements for their family's living expenses at home while the intern is in training. The Institute provides interns with roundtrip airfare, full tuition, a small stipend and room and board at SCI House in Newark, N.J.

The ITC program just may be the most innovative way for SCI to fulfill its mission to provide for the well-being of merchant seafarers whose work is criti-



The Rev. Damivan dos Santos started a port mission in Vitoria, Brazil.

serve. Last year's graduating class already serves some 61,000 individuals in ports where previously there were inadequate or no port missions. As a result, SCI has helped significantly more seafarers than if it exclusively focused attention close to home. It also helps ensure

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that American seafarers involved in international trade will find hospitality in growing numbers of foreign ports.

One such place is the Democratic Republic of Madagascar, a remote island off the southeast coast of Africa. There, Kotosoa Claire has pioneered port mission. A Lutheran pastor, he coordinates the Toamasina Maritime Ministry. In the four years since he interned at SCI, the ministry has opened three port missions in the island's largest ports: Tamatave, Majunga and Diego Suarez bringing assistance to 5,000 seafarers, commercial fisherman and their families in 1996.

Ports offer a rich context for ministry that is also transferable to other urban and industrial workplace settings and this aspect is not ignored by ITC. In SCI's home-port for instance, truck drivers and longshoremen who, like seafarers, labor in environments wrought with hazards and loneliness, have come to rely on the hospitality and pastoral support available at the seafarers' center. A period of the ITC internship is spent in prison and urban hospital settings to learn about these workplaces and the need for spiritual fulfillment among their workers.



## The Rev. Dr. Joan Brown Campbell

As general secretary of the National Council of Churches of Christ in the U.S.A. the Rev. Dr. Joan Brown Campbell is a spiritual leader as well as CEO of the nation's leading ecumenical organization. Under her guidance, the Council works for greater Christian unity and toward justice and peace in the United States and the world.

In presenting the keynote address at the 1997 ITC graduation, Dr. Campbell urged listeners to take a historic look at the ecumenical movement and be encouraged by the progress made worldwide over the last 50 years.

"There used to be grave distrust and misunderstanding between Catholics and Protestants. Today the reality is very different. The ecumenical movement has opened us up to each other in magnificent ways, not only denominations but across cultural barriers, too. The groundwork has been laid for the healing of our divisions," said Dr. Campbell.

Breaking down cultural barriers and working through religious differences are issues The Seamen's Church Institute understands. It developed the International Training Center for Workplace Ministry (ITC) to share its knowledge of these issues with people who have been challenged by their church to establish a seafarers' center in a foreign port.

Dr. Campbell is ordained as a minister in both the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) and the American Baptist Church, and is the first woman minister to serve as general secretary of the National Council of Churches.

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Sister Rhoda Luvuno Patrick brought her ministry to St. Matthew's Church Kanamai Child Development Center in Kenya, Africa to teach poor and orphaned children so that they may grow into responsible adults. Her ITC training taught her to see ministry beyond a parish setting.

As a result, recent ITC graduates have set forth to establish ministries to truckers, "street children," and to help families of seafarers cope with the long absences of husbands and fathers.

The new port ministries in the ITC network have also spawned public support for seafarers. One chaplain recalls being told by the head of the local port authority that the port was no place for a pastor; it was a place where people worked. Now that official is an ardent supporter of the seafarers' center. A mayor has warmly welcomed a seafarers' center as a "house of hope" in his port city. In other instances, chaplains have impressed church governments

Visiting seafarers aboard ships is a new experience for many ITC interns.





Carrie Washington, the executive presbyter of the Presbytery of Newark, is an advisor to the ITC program. She is the first African American woman and lay person to serve the Church as executive presbyter.



with the need for port ministry and have attained new support for their missions.

Support is also widening at home in Newark. The program's content is enhanced by the contributions of a top advisory team of leaders in the religious and academic communities in the metropolitan area, many of whom have pursued mission work. The advisory team is led by the Rev. Jean R. Smith, SCI's associate executive director. Her experience both as a parish priest and port chaplain provides the program with depth and a global perspective reflecting her six years spent abroad as a teacher in Europe and Asia.

The advisors help develop a curriculum of seminars to complement the on-thejob training of an ITC internship. Interns attend seminars on worship and spirituality as well as theory and practice. Topics range from non-parochial preaching and the history of Christian spirituality and seafarers' rights to organizational management, community involvement and crisis intervention.

So, whatever happened to our seafarer friends in the Port of Vitoria? Eventually, the crew was allowed to return home. But the deplorable conditions they experienced persist for the replacement crew. There is a serious lack of water and provisions. The vessel continues to be without electricity and fire-fighting capability. What little food the men have has been provided through the efforts of the Vitoria Seafarers' Center and the generosity of the local community. Evidently, the shipowner and the agent are embroiled in a financial battle that has left the seafarers in limbo. Supplies cannot be delivered unless the ship can dock and, so far, it has not been allowed to dock. The shipowner and agent are either unwilling or unable to care for the crew.

Throughout the ordeal, Pastor dos Santos has kept a vigil on the situation. He has visited the seafarers on numerous occasions to counsel and comfort them. He has also remained in close contact with SCI, particularly the Center for Seafarers' Rights staff attorneys. The dialogue between Vitoria Seafarers' Center and SCI is testament to the strength of ongoing ties between the Institute and far away port missions established by ITC interns.

Clearly, a global network of port missions is taking root in the international maritime community ensuring that whether seafarers visit port missions in the Baltic Sea, the Indian Ocean or SCI's own center on the shore of Newark Bay, they will be greeted with compassion, understanding and knowledgeable port chaplains.





## Annual Message from the Board of Trustees



Mrs. C. Robert Allen III

"Today, the Institute is as committed to innovation as it is to tradition... SCI is a vibrant, timely organization which vigilantly seeks ways to improve mariners' lives."

The ultimate challenge for any service organization is to remain true to its mission and financially healthy while undertaking new and timely initiatives. As a trustee of The Seamen's Church Institute, I am proud to report that today's SCI is successfully meeting that challenge.

A clergyman's daughter, I was drawn to the Institute in 1983 by its rich tradition of pastoral outreach. This timeless aspect of SCI's mission continues today with strength. Thanks to SCI's efforts, nearly 4,000 ships were visited by our chaplains in 1996...23,000 seafarers used the Institute's chapel, clubs and recreational facilities...2,000 seafarers received personal or pastoral counseling... and, more than Christmas-on-the-River packages were opened on Christmas Day.

Today, the Institute is as committed to innovation as it is to tradition. This commitment is evidenced by SCI's International Training Center for Workplace Ministry. Through this unique program, leading clergy and lay persons from foreign lands serve as port missioner interns for ninemonths at SCI's Port Newark center. The interns receive intensive instruction in everything from legal advocacy to substance abuse intervention.

THANKS TO ITC AND ITS PREDEcessor, SCI'S Asian/North American Pastoral Training Program, mariners now find needed services in ports from Odessa to Accra and from Manila to Mombassa. Already, the 1996 graduating class is serving 61,000 mariners and port workers, greatly expanding SCI's outreach.

ANOTHER EXAMPLE OF THE INSTITUTE'S PROGRESSIVE MISSION FULFILLMENT IS THE ESTABLISH-MENT OF THE NATION'S FIRST DED-ICATED INLAND RIVER SIMULATOR TRAINING FACILITY WHICH WAS NEARING COMPLETION AS 1996 DREW TO A CLOSE. UNDER THE AUSPICES OF SCI'S CENTER FOR MARITIME EDUCATION, THE FACIL-ITY IS LOCATED IN PADUCAH, KENTUCKY AND WILL EXTEND THE INSTITUTE'S SERVICES TO SOME 20,000 MEN AND WOMEN AT WORK ON THE NATION'S RIVERS. HAVING BEEN BORN AND RAISED IN THE MIDWEST I AM ESPECIALLY PLEASED WITH THIS EFFORT.

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Through our Center for Seafarers' Rights, we have presented position papers in Montreal, Washington and Cyprus regarding flag state responsibility and seafarers, fatigue and its effect on crew members' performance, and port state control. These recommendations made in 1996 have already had a direct impact on the improvement of working and living conditions aboard ship for the majority of the world's seafarers.

In short, SCI is a vibrant, timely organization which vigilantly seeks ways to improve mariners' lives. But none of the Institute's activity would be possible without continued financial health. While the Institute did experience an operating deficit in 1996, it once again maintained its fiscal well-being, thanks largely to astute management of SCI's endowment and the generosity of insightful contributors. Notable contributions to the Institute in 1996 were those made by:

- Ioanna and Pyrros Vardinoyannis, whose gift made in honor of their father enabled SCI to establish the Nicos J.
  Vardinoyannis Fund. The first project underwritten by the fund is a seafarers' handbook, which will be published in late 1997;
- The Herman Goldman Foundation, which supported SCI's lifeboat and first aid training program;
- The Henry Luce Foundation, whose generosity was key to the successful establishment of the ITC program;
- BOUCHARD TRANSPORTATION, WHICH PROVIDED ONGOING GEN-ERAL SUPPORT FOR THE CENTER FOR MARITIME EDUCATION;
- The Institute was also remembered in the wills of 19 friends, most notably Agnes Lueders and Joseph Schalk,

WHOSE THOUGHTFULNESS HAS HELPED TO SIGNIFICANTLY STRENGTHEN THE ENDOWMENT.

As we look to the future, The Seamen's Church Institute has every reason to accept new challenges with confidence and excitement. The vision and enthusiasm of our executive director, the Rev. Peter Larom, combined with the wisdom of an active board of directors, the skills of a dedicated staff and the loyalty of the Institute's supporters bode well as we approach the 21st century.

Thank you for being among those helping to advance the spirituality, safety, dignity and professionalism of mariners everywhere.

WITH WARMEST WISHES,

Mrs. C. Robert Allen III Vice President August 19, 1997

# THE YEAR IN REVIEW

## **Center for Seafarers' Services**

Provides hospitality and assistance to active, inactive and retired seafarers and other port workers in the Greater Port of New York & New Jersey.

- **3,800** American and foreign ships visited one or more times
- 14,250 Magazines placed aboard ships in port
  - Seafarers transported in SCI vans
- **19,229** Seafarers used SCI's International Seafarers' Center
- **15,586** Seafarers used SCI sports and recreational facilities
- **17,210** Port workers, other than seafarers, used SCI sports facilities
  - 600 Port workers and seafarers attended SCI's Fourth Annual Port Community Festival
- **13,103** Christmas-at-Sea packages were delivered to mariners

6,450 Seafarers used SCI's New York Club

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- OB6 Seafarers used SCI Postal Service for safe delivery of their mail
  - Letters and postcards were mailed from SCI's three Seafarers' Centers
- **2,441** Overseas telephone calls were placed by seafarers visiting the International Seafarers' Center in New Jersey
- **3,249** Overseas telephone calls were placed by seafarers at SCI's center at the New York City Passenger Ship Terminal
- **3,806** Seafarers sought personal, pastoral, and vocational counseling
- **16,450** Pounds of used clothing were donated to seafarers

- 7,780
  - AIDS education booklets were distributed to seafarers

Loans or grants were made to seafarers in need

790 Religious Services were held at SCI Seafarers' Centers

- Special programs were held at SCI for seafarers, church groups and community members
  - Churches and other groups received visits from SCI staff

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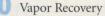
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Hours logged by SCI volunteers in N.Y. and N.J. (not including knitters!)

## **Center for Maritime Education**

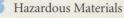
Uses adult training methodology to upgrade professional mariners' navigational skills, increase professional competency and improve safety. The Center for Maritime Education trained 647 merchant mariners in 1996.

- O2 Automatic Radar Plotting Aids, Radar Certification and Recertification
  - Marine Electronics, including Global Maritime Distress & Safety System
- Shiphandling, including Bridge Team Resource Management, Watchkeeping, Tug/Barge Handling
- Emergency Procedures
- 84 Tank/Barge Dangerous Liquids





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Rainy weather did little to dampen the spirits of people who attended the Annual Port Community Festival in Port Newark. Friends and families of port workers, SCI staff and supporters, and seafarers packed the International Seafarers' Center to enjoy a barbecue dinner, music, dancing and games.

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## THE YEAR IN REVIEW

## Places Represented By Seafarers Served By The Seamen's Church Institute



Albania Algeria Argentina Australia **Bahamas** Bangladesh Belgium Belize **Bolivia** Brazil **Bulgaria** Cameroon Canada Chile China Columbia Costa Rica Croatia Cyprus

**Czech Republic** Denmark Dominican Republic Ecuador Egypt **El Salvador Estonia** Ethiopia Fiji Finland France Germany Ghana Greece Guatemala Haiti Honduras Hong Kong

Iceland India Indonesia Ireland Israel Italy Japan Jordan Kenya **Kiribati Kuwait** Latvia Liberia Lithuania Macedonia Madagascar Malagasy Republic Malaysia

Maldives Malta Mexico Moldova Morocco Myanmar Netherlands **New Zealand** Nicaragua Nigeria Norway Pakistan Panama Paraguay Peru **Philippines** Poland Portugal Romania

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Thailand **Tongatapu Island** Trinidad Tunisia Turkey Tuvalu Uganda Ukraine **United Arab** Emirates **United Kingdom United States U.S. Virgin Islands** Uruguay Venezuela Western Somoa Yugoslavia Zambia

## **Center for Seafarers' Rights**

Counsels and assists indigent seafarers with legal and work-related problems, trains port chaplains how to respond to legal problems encountered in the course of ministering to seafarers, and advocates for improved living and working conditions for seafarers. The Center for Seafarers' Rights opened 287 case files in 1996 providing direct legal assistance to more than 4,000 seafarers. This was a 32 percent increase over the previous year. Case files were opened in the following general categories:\*

## 77 WAGES

Advice and assistance on rights to be paid wages guaranteed by contract and law

## **44** LIVING CONDITIONS

Advice and assistance on protecting seafarers' rights to decent and healthy living conditions

#### 35 CONTRACT QUESTIONS

Advice and assistance on questions related to seafarers' rights to written contracts and/or specific contract terms

### **SZ** ILLNESS AND INJURY

Advice and assistance on medical and disability rights for seafarers

## **25** TERMINATION

Advice and assistance on seafarers' termination of employment and benefits

## 24 REPATRIATION

Advice and assistance on seafarers' right to be returned home when employment ends

### CRIMINAL OR DISCIPLINARY ACTION

Advice and assistance to seafarers accused of crimes and disciplinary infractions and to seafarers who are victims of crime

### 5 IMMIGRATION OR SHORE LEAVE

Advice and assistance to protect a seafarers' right to shore leave and on immigration questions

## 4 DISCRIMINATION

Advice and assistance to seafarers who are victims of racial, ethnic, religious or sexual discrimination



Doug Stevenson (left), director of the Center for Seafarers' Rights, works hand in hand with the Institute's port chaplaincy staff to combat seafarers' rights abuses. The Rev. Francis Cho (right) is pictured here.

### **12** SHIP SAFETY

Advice and assistance on compliance with shipboard safety standards

### 🕉 death

Advice and assistance on seafarers' death benefits

### WORKING CONDITIONS

Advice and assistance on protecting seafarers' rights to safe and decent working conditions

## 5 ABANDONMENT

Advice and assistance to crews abandoned abroad

### PENSION

Advice and assistance to seafarers on their pension plans

### 4 STOWAWAY

Advice and assistance on handling stowaway cases

## 86 OTHER

Advice and assistance on other questions from indigent seafarers such as landlord/ tenant, consumer problems, domestic relations, simple estate planning and elder law

\*Editor's Note: As Center for Seafarers' Rights cases often deal with more than one problem, the total number of complaints listed above is higher than the actual number of new case files opened.

Guests of SCI's annual harbor cruise enjoy a unique view of New York Harbor and Newark Bay. The cruise takes place aboard the pilot boat New York, compliments of the Sandy Hook Pilots Association.

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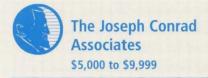


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Wishing to support the work of the Institute long into the future, many farsighted individuals remember the Seamen's Church Institute in their wills.

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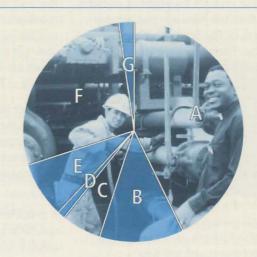
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Gifts-in-kind are goods, services or property which has been given to SCI or one of its divisions to enhance a program. The Institute is pleased to recognize donors of gifts-in-kind valued at \$1,000 or more.

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# FINANCIAL SUMMARY

Operating Income	\$ 4,650,825
A. Voluntary Contributions & Grants	2,027,230
<b>B.</b> Center for Maritime Education	565,583
C. Direct Services to Seafarers	299,524
D. Chapel and Outreach Ministries	5,498
E. Port Newark Facility	348,569
F. Investment Income	1,310,657
G. Other Income	93,764



## Operating Expenses \$ 5,056,761

A. Direct Services to Mariners	1,331,586
<b>B</b> . Education for Mariners	
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C. Management and General Administration	967,926
D. Development	533,754
E. Port Newark Facility	484,490
F. Advocacy for Mariners	315,775
G. Communications	182,732
H. Chapel and Outreach Ministries	48,068

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Note: Operating deficits are funded by withdrawals from endowment investments in marketable securities.

This information has been extracted from the 1996 Audited Financial Statements which may be obtained by writing to: The Seamen's Church Institute, 241 Water Street, New York, NY 10038.

## **Opportunities for Giving**

The concern of a group of young Christian men for the plight of seafarers more than 160 years ago precipitated the birth of The Seamen's Church Institute. Their mantle of leadership has been taken up by generations of conscientious donors and volunteers whose support enables the Institute to thrive, continually rededicating itself to the well-being of today's seafarers.

There are many ways to contribute to the life of SCI. You may designate a gift for general purposes or restrict it for support of a specific program or project. Following are some of the channels through which you may help sustain SCI's programs and services.

**GIFTS OF CASH** are the simplest way of supporting the Institute's work.

**GIFTS OF APPRECIATED SECURITIES** and **REAL ESTATE** may be transferred to the Institute, enabling the owner to avoid paying the capital gains tax that ordinarily accompanies the sale of such holdings.

You can also support the Institute by NAMING IT IN YOUR WILL

Direct gifts—cash, bequests, gift annuities and life insurance policies—distributed immediately after your death, and life income gifts which have immediate gift and estate tax benefits to the donor are two approaches to what is known as **PLANNED GIVING** 

Advance planning for your estate ensures the future distribution of your assets, according to your personal values and eliminates the possibility of the government making these decisions for you.

A SPECIFIC BEQUEST enables a donor to specify in his or her will a specific dollar amount, a specific piece of property (art, jewelry, securities, real estate, etc.) or a designated percentage of the estate for the Institute. This is a Specific Bequest. A Residuary Bequest specifies that SCI receive either all or a stated percentage of an estate after distribution of certain designated benefits and payment of debts and taxes. A Contingency Bequest enables the donor to designate that the Institute receive part or all of the estate under specified circumstances, after the death of a primary beneficiary.

**LIFE INSURANCE POLICIES** and/or the benefits from the policy, and **ASSETS** from a **PENSION PLAN** may be transferred irrevocably to the Institute, entitling the owner or his/her estate to a charitable tax deduction.

**GIFT ANNUMES** in which a gift of cash or securities is made to the Institute entitles the donor to income payments for life plus an immediate income tax deduction.

LIFE INCOME GIFTS enable a donor to set aside a lump sum for the Institute while earning income on this money for his or her lifetime. At the donor's death the principal reverts to SCI. This is a CHAR-ITABLE REMAINDER TRUST

A **CHARITABLE LEAD TRUST** enables the donor to set aside assets—for a specific period of time—which pay income to the Institute. At the end of this time, the assets are transferred back to the family, with gift and estate tax benefits.

Your personal, legal and financial advisors can help you with arrangements necessary to preserve your assets for your family and the causes you care about. If you would like more information about planned giving at SCI, please call Henry Enright at (212) 349-9090 ext.245. He would be happy to discuss the available options with you.

## **Communicate** RIGHTS ASSISTANCE IS ONLINE FOR ITC MINISTRIES

"The Seamen's Church is prepared to help fellow agencies access the necessary equipment in order to realize its goal of increased collaboration and interaction among new ministries, especially those in remote corners of the world."

One month ago, Vitaly Alexandrovich Sorokin was the second officer aboard a Russian tanker. Now he lies in a hospital bed in Galveston, Texas having been diagnosed with terminal cancer, a condition he was unaware of when he started his journey. Radiation therapy has weakened him so, he cannot walk and is unable to travel. The doctors had predicted he would live only two months. He is visited often by a port chaplain from the Galveston Seaman's Center who was alerted to the situation by Doug Stevenson who directs SCI's Center for Seafarers' Rights in New York.

Since learning of this seafarers' sad ordeal Doug and the CSR staff have been feverishly trying to get in touch with Vitaly's family in the Ukraine to, at least, bring his wife to the U.S. to be near him.

Doug's experience as a diplomat and Coast Guard commander, knowledge of admiralty law and his extensive contacts throughout the maritime world have helped him navigate through this international situation. The Center for Seafarers' Rights has contacted the ship's owner and insurance company, the U.S. Embassy in Kiev, the Ukraine Embassy in Washington, the U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service, airline companies and port chaplains in England, Russia and Texas in an all out humanitarian effort to bring this family together.

Working together with the CSR staff these agencies have succeeded in expediting Mrs. Sorokin's visa application process, found a place for her to stay with a family in Galveston and made all necessary travel arrangements. The ship's owner has promised to pay Mrs. Sorokin's travel expenses. SCI's Mariners' Assistance Fund will pick up any incidental expenses if necessary.

Yet, the case is proving to be difficult for reasons unrelated to international maritime obstacles or other legal hurdles. A lack of reliable communication links abroad has, so far, prevented Doug from reaching Mrs. Sorokin or the chaplain assisting her in a neighboring Russia port.

Unfortunately, this is a problem encountered often in the course of CSR's work and it is one that greatly impacts the Institute's International Training Center for Workplace Ministry.

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Through the ITC program, the Seamen's Church Institute has helped chaplains establish new

Christian ministries in ports around the globe. But the success of these ministries requires ongoing support in the form of nurture, encouragement and constant communications between SCI's staff of experts and the new missions.

Port chaplains in seafarers' missions everywhere depend upon the Center for Seafarers' Rights for legal advice and assistance on seafarers' rights issues. The situations CSR handles are often urgent and require immediate attention as in the case described above. As efforts to reach Mrs. Sorokin before it is too late continue, the Center for Seafarers' Rights has identified a solution. It has taken steps to form an electronic communications network of seafarers centers and other agencies interested in promoting justice for seafarers.

The network would provide an effective system of communication to graduates of the ITC program with a view to coordi-

nating advice, referrals and assistance to seafarers. It would also facilitate data collection on seafarers' rights issues. The Center for Seafarers' Rights would maintain the network via an internet website that includes a bulletin board for the exclusive use of network members.

If such a system was already in place, Doug Stevenson could have contacted a Ukrainian seafarers' center in the network directly for help in locating Vitaly Sorokin's family and, possibly, could have brought the Sorokins together in the U.S. sooner.

Though a solution has been mapped out, it cannot be put into place until the necessary equipment is secured for each seafarers' center. In some instances,

> seafarers' centers are without a telephone line much less internet access. Ideally, each center

should be equipped with a computer, printer, fax machine and internet service provider to facilitate international communications without delays. It is important that the equipment be up-todate and have locally available maintenance services.

The Seamen's Church is prepared to help fellow agencies access the necessary equipment in order to realize its goal of increased collaboration and interaction among new ministries, especially those in remote corners of the world.

By the end of 1998, CSR hopes to have centers in Africa, Latin America, Asian and Pacific Islands, and Eastern Bloc nations online. For now though, SCI will rely on the strength of its faith in traditional means of communication and the persistence of the Center for Seafarers' Rights staff and supporters to find justice for seafarers.



## Spotlight Major Supporters of SCI's Workplace Ministry Training

"This is of particular interest to me as it follows the tradition of my grandparents who set sail for their work as educational missionaries in China a century ago." — Henry Luce III

## The Henry Luce Foundation

The Henry Luce Foundation was established in 1936 by the late Henry R. Luce, co-founder and editor-in-chief of Time Inc. as a tribute to his parents, Elizabeth Root Luce and the Rev. Dr. Henry Winters Luce. Through channels of higher education and scholarship, the Luce Foundation promotes the faith and the moral order, to advance the knowledge of truth through the integrative and interdisciplinary perceptions, to propagate international, intercontinental cross-fertilization, particularly with East Asia, and to celebrate culture, which Henry Luce III, chairman and CEO, describes as "the most glorious epiphany of civilization."

The Luce Foundation has long supported the Institute's chaplain training programs. "I am delighted that the Institute has moved into the missionary field," Mr. Luce noted in his graduation address to the class of 1996. "This is of particular interest to me as it follows the tradition of my grandparents who set sail for their work as educational missionaries in China a century ago."

## Reinauer Transportation Companies

Home Sweet (Temporary) Home. That's what SCI House, a three-story townhouse in downtown Newark, N.J., is for the people who participate in the ITC program. The house is made available to SCI through the generosity of the Reinauer Transportation Companies of Staten Island, N.Y.

Reinauer Transportation Companies was founded in 1923 when Bert Reinauer recognized the economic necessity of transporting fuel through use of the inland waterways. He converted a fishing vessel into a self-propelled motor tanker by installing a 13,000 gallon tank into its hold. Although her purpose was to supply the Reinauer terminal in Kearny, N.J. word spread on the rivers. As demand for this service grew so did RTC.

Today, the Reinauer Companies continue as a family owned and operated business. The fleet transport capacity is over 1.2 million barrels and is complemented by the power of 27 tugboats.



The Rev. A.R.G.T. Stephen Barnabas (pictured third from right on a ship visit during his ITC internship) is now working with seafarers in Tuticorin, India.

The bulk of the company's business is concentrated in the Northeast corridor, yet the fleet travels into the Great Lakes, as far north as Canada's Maritime Provinces and as far south as the Gulf Coast. The various 70 vessels service not only the petroleum trade but ship docking in the New England area and marine construction in the New York and Boston harbors.

Reinauer Transportation Companies also support the Institute by sending their employees to the Center for Maritime Education for training in tug/barge handling.



ITC staff and interns gathered at the International Seafarers' Center to give Cal Ratcliff a tour of the port and the program. Mr. Ratcliff is a program associate for the Henry Luce Foundation which provides vital funding for the ITC program. Pictured left to right are: The Rev. Jean R. Smith, ITC program director; ITC intern John Chuang; Development Director Henry Enright; Cal Ratcliffe; ITC interns Antonio Nelson and Stephen Barnabas.



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Note: Including graduates of the ITC program, SCFs Asian/North American Pastoral Training Program and individualized workplace ministry programs, more than 50 people have trained at SCI in the last 10 years.

## The Church Club Of New York

The Church Club of New York is an organization for lay Episcopalians. Founded in 1887, it has served as the voice of the laity in New York City for more than 100 years.

The Church Club provides opportunities for men and women in the New York City area, who are interested in the Episcopal Church, to meet and share ideas and friendships and to provide an impartial forum for the discussion of important issues facing our Church. In recent years, speakers at club events have included the Archbishop of Canterbury, U.S. Senators Daniel Patrick Moynihan and Claiborne Pell, and former Beirut hostage Terry Waite.

For many years the Club has supported theological education. "We have long admired the work of The Seamen's Church Institute," wrote Church Club President A. Walker Bingham in delivering a grant to the ITC program.

## **Maher Terminals**

Maher Terminals, Inc., the largest container terminal complex in the Port of New York/New Jersey, celebrated its 50th anniversary in 1996.

With World War II and his Army career behind him, Michael Maher set out to start his own company on the New York waterfront. He purchased military surplus cargo handling equipment and began a leasing service to stevedoring companies. Looking to develop this business further, Maher turned his sights on Port Newark which was then a relatively sleepy backwater port. He began providing stevedoring on a per ship basis. Over the years cargo handling evolved and Maher Terminals developed a reputation for the innovative ways it grew its business. The hooks and hand trucks of the 1940s gave way to fork trucks and palletized cargo in the 50s and 60s. In the 1970s Maher Terminals made the transition from traditional stevedore to container operator, and put multiple steamship companies under one roof. In the 80s and 90s computer controlled yards advanced operations.

In 1989 Maher Terminals got involved with the Port Authority's ExpressRail on-dock terminal which it continues to operate. Maher was among the first terminals to use radio-frequency identification equipment for tracing cargo and developed an extensive EDI system for staying directly in touch with customers.

Today, Maher Terminals, led by Michael's sons, Brian and Basil, spans 450 acres and 8,000 linear feet of berthing space. A total of 25 steamship lines call at Maher's Fleet Street and Tripoli Street terminals. It handled 600,000 containers in 1995.

The Maher family has been a part of the SCI family since 1985 when Michael Maher joined SCI's board of trustees. He served till his death in 1995. Maher Terminals continues to contribute general operating support to SCI which has helped in the establishment of the ITC program.

## Partner Parishes: Friendships Formed, Bridges Built



An important aspect of the ITC program is the relationship each chaplain intern develops with an area congregation. Each intern is matched with a parish of his or her denomination to encourage spiritual nourishment, stimulate opportunities for cultural exchanges, and provide a broader network of friends and supporters in the community. Partner parishes provide an avenue for social interaction joining in church suppers and recreational activities. The new relationship is also an enduring resource for counsel and support once the intern has returned home.



At Trinity & St. Philip's Cathedral in Newark, N.J. Fr. John Antonio Nelson preached and sang regularly with the gospel choir. He also taught catechism to the confirmation class and worked with the youth group. The Cathedral Resource Partnership Outreach Program operates the CRP Institute for Education at Cathedral House in Newark. Antonio got involved in this group and advised adolescent boys about Africa and international relations.

Improving his English skills and singing in the choir were only two of the many things Chaplain John Chuang experienced at the First Presbyterian Church in Irvington, N.J. His relationship with the pastor, The Rev. E. Obiri Addo, taught John meaningful cross-cultural communication skills.



Parishioners from Trinity & St. Philips Cathedral in Newark participated in the graduation ceremony for ITC intern Fr. Antonio Nelson (third from left). Antonio's diocese has assigned him to do ministry to seafarers in the port of Accra, Ghana.

In addition to leading the Women's Bible Study and sharing in prayer and song with the family worship group at the Ogden Memorial Presbyterian Church in Chatham, N.J., Chaplain Chuang preached and made use of his sports talent in ping pong and tennis.



The Living Stone Christian Fellowship in Livingston, N.J. has enriched the spiritual life of the Rev. Danilo L. Velasco, and touched the lives of the entire port community by participating in SCI's annual Thanksgiving celebration in Port Newark. Danny was particularly grateful for parishioners' support and guidance which sustained him through bouts of homesickness.



The Rev. A.R.G.T. Barnabas shared many wonderful experiences with St. Paul's & Resurrection in Wood Ridge, N.J. His participation in the church choir, Bible study group, and the Staten Island prayer meeting gave him insight to an American church, and gave him the opportunity to teach church members about his church in India.



The Seamen's Church Institute is grateful for the commitment, enthusiasm and support of parishioners at the Partner Parishes.

## **Picture This** SCI Commissions Nation's First Pilothouse Simulator



Hundreds of supporters from New Orleans to New York attended SCI's ribbon-cutting event in Paducah, Ky. this summer to celebrate the opening of the Center for Maritime Education at Paducah home of the nation's first pilothouse simulator for the advanced training of river pilots and captains.

Coast Guard Commandant Robert E. Kramek traveled from his office in Washington to tour the Center and participate in the riverfront ceremonies.

A number of special guests representing



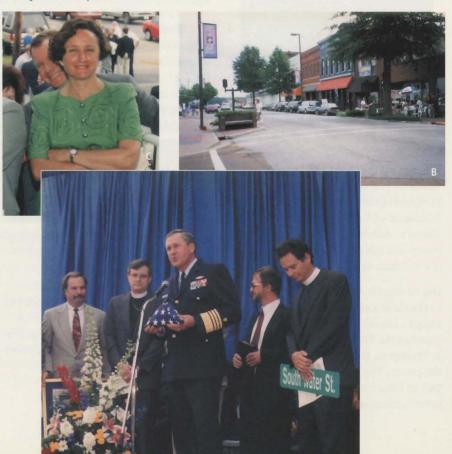
government, industry and church were also in attendance including: the lieutenant governor of Kentucky, Stephen Lewis Henry; the Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Kentucky, the Rt. Rev. Edwin F. Gulick, Jr.; and many members of the American Waterways Operators.

"This is an absolutely terrific facility," Adm. Kramek said after a tour and demonstration of the training center's interactive pilothouses. "It's a wonderful industry response to having a safer transportation system." *Far left: Lt. Governor of Kentucky Stephen Lewis Henry addresses the crowd.* 

Near left: Coast Guard Commandant Robert E. Kramek cuts the ribbon to officially open the Center for Maritime Education at Paducah.

The admiral's sentiments were echoed by Craig Philip, president of Ingram Barge Company, one of the facility's core users. "What we have here is a tangible symbol of a growing partnership between the tugboat, towboat and barge industry and the Seamen's Church Institute." Mr. Philip said the center will benefit all Americans by helping the barge industry operate more safely, while at the same time allowing the industry to provide the waterborne transportation services that are so vital to the nation's economy.







- A. Admiral Kramek arrived in Paducah by towboat accompanied by SCI Trustee Richard du Moulin.
- **B.** The Center for Maritime Education's facility is part of a historic area in Paducah's downtown community.
- **c**. *Guests line up for guided tours of the facility.*
- **D.** Adhering to tradition in commissioning a vessel, Admiral Kramek presented the Center's captain, William R. Douglas (second from right) with the vessel's American flag.
- E. Paducah's Mayor Albert Jones (center) had the street renamed in honor of SCI's maritime pursuits. The Center for Maritime Education is at 129 South Water Street in Paducah. Harry Lindh (right), SCI president, and the Rev. Peter Larom (left) engage Mayor Jones in conversation.
- F. The menu for the early evening event featured plenty of Southern BBQ, cold beer and sodas served picnic style.
- G. Entertainment was provided by the bluegrass band Uninvited Guests. The Paducah Community College Chorus also performed during the ribbon-cutting ceremony.
- H. Eric Larsson, director of the Center for Maritime Education, skillfully managed the development of the Paducah training curriculum and facility.
- The flood wall protecting downtown Paducah from the Ohio River is a canvas for muralist Robert Dafford who has portrayed scenes from the city's earlier days.



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