



2020 Annual Report September 14, 2021

Our Mission is to promote the spiritual, moral and physical well-being of Seafarers and their families world-wide.



Caring for seafarers around the world

MISSION TO SEAFARERS Port of Thunder Bay

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Snapshot of Services	2020	2019
Seafarers transported	157	1043
Seafarer visitors to the Centre	83	359
Ocean-going ships visited/serviced	50	105
Christmas Gift Bags	285	295
Volunteers	23	26

Goals

Direct Ministry

- \Rightarrow Provide ministry to seafarers and port personnel who request our services.
- \Rightarrow Visit seafarers aboard ocean-going ships in the Port of Thunder Bay.



- ⇒ Transport seafarers to shopping, the Seafarers' Center and upon request to worship or for a tour of city.
- ⇒ Operate the Seafarers' Centre as a welcoming place where seafarers are provided with an opportunity to connect with volunteers and relax. Seafarers are offered free of charge:
 - communications facilities to contact their family;
 - ♦ Bibles in various languages; and
 - ♦ warm clothing.
- \Rightarrow Deliver Christmas Gift Bags to crew on ocean-going ships in December.
- \Rightarrow Offer an annual Blessing of the Fleet service for local mariners.

Providing Resources to Minister to Seafarers

- \Rightarrow Educate the community about seafarers and enhance the profile of the Mission in the community.
- \Rightarrow Attract, train and retain volunteers.
- \Rightarrow Fund raise to operate the local station and provide for capital improvements.
- ⇒ Work with Mission to Seafarers: Canada (MTSC) and the North American Ministry Association (NAMMA) in order to share practises and information so that the Thunder Bay station maintains standards of ministry consistent with other MTS stations.

Treasurer's Report

In 2020, our total income was \$82,550, which included a bequest of \$20,180. Without the bequest, it still showed an increase of about \$10,000 over the previous year.



Expenses were \$62,255, which was about the same as the previous year.

During the last few months of 2019, we have had some major expenses. In December, during a strong wind storm several shingles were blown off. The Board decided that we needed to re-shingle the whole roof. That work was completed and paid for in January. Most of the cost was covered by insurance. During the cold spell in January, the furnace started to show its age again, so it was replaced.



We thank you for your past support and pray for your continued support.

Brad Yeo

Treasurer

Board of Directors 2020/2021				
Chair	Vice-Chair	Secretary	Treasurer (non-voting)	
Janet Pike	Suzy Thornes	Anne Zuliani	Brad Yeo	
Directors				
Margaret Capon	Rev. Matthew Diegel	Dorothy Playle	Ingrid Price	
David Stephens	Suzy Thornes	Barbara Williams		
Non-voting		Ex-officio		
The Reverend Canon Ed Swayze		The Venerable Deborah Kraft		

Chair of the Board Report

While there were many challenges, our Board of Directors met regularly by Zoom. We completed our Ministry Plan for 2020 to 2025. As we will celebrate our 60th Anniversary on December 6, 2021 it is good to have a strong plan to carry us forward.

Although we were not able to hold our Fund-raising Dinner, we held a successful Meat Fund-raiser in July .

Our Christmas Gift bag campaign received a \$1,000 donation from the Seafarers International Union. This along with the generous donations from local churches and those across the Diocese of Algoma helped us fill the 285 bags delivered to the ships in December.

Thank you to our Master Donors: the Anglican Diocese of Algoma, the Port of Thunder Bay, and the International Sailors' Society of Canada for your continued generosity. The success of our work depends on donations from all of our supporters. As well, we were grateful for the federal government wage subsidy to assist in covering our Chaplain's stipend.

I want to extend my heartfelt appreciation to those who volunteered at the Centre, supported our Meat Sale, knitted items, dropped off clothing and so much more. The Mission to Seafarers Port of Thunder Bay continues to serve the seafarers who need our support because of all of you.

Thank you very much to our Chaplain, Canon Ed for your leadership and to our Board Members and volunteers for your commitment.

Janet Pike Chair Board of Directors

Chaplain's Report

For COVID-19, we developed a plan that was approved by the Public Health Inspector, and refitted the van with a plastic screen and vinyl seat covers and installed a sneeze screen in the Seafarers' Centre. Thank you to MTSC who provided a grant for this work. As shore leave for seafarers restricted, we assisted with shopping and transportation for medical care and crew change.

Thank you to our volunteers and those who supported us with your prayers and financial support.

The Rev'd Canon Ed Swayze Chaplain

