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MISSION TEAMS

MISSION THROUGH CONGREGATIONS

Baltimore International Seafarers Center

Assistant to the bishop, Pastor Dean Bard appointed me in 2005 to represent the DE-MD Synod on the Board of Directors of the Baltimore International Seafarers' Center, Inc. The Center is located at 1430 Wallace Street, Baltimore, MD 21230, at the entrance to Fort McHenry. The director is The Reverend Mary Davisson. While an ecumenical ministry, the center is staffed and supported primarily by the Episcopal Diocese of Maryland and shipping companies in the port.

I attended several meetings of the board in 2006. On behalf of the synod, copies of the *Lutheran Book of Worship* and *With One Voice* were presented for use in chapel services. Two fundraiser cruises around the Baltimore Harbor were advertised through the Delaware-Maryland Synodical Women's Organization and attended by several members of St. Martin's, Annapolis, MD. Chaplain Andrew E. V. Krey, executive secretary of the Lutheran Association for Maritime Ministry, was also aboard the October cruise.

Approximately 500 of the almost 750 Christmas gift boxes are prepared by participants in the DE-MD Synodical Women's Organization, Women of the ELCA, and delivered annually to the Seafarers' Center and given to seamen who come on ships to the port of Baltimore in December. Several men and women regularly volunteer at the Seafarers' Center, visiting ships, ministering to the seamen, taking them shopping to nearby centers and/or to the Seafarers' Center, and helping at the center. Magazines and clothing are received for distribution also. Additional volunteers, both men and women, are needed. Ordained pastors are welcome to visit with the crew members also.

A fundraiser is planned for October 2007, a cruise of the harbor with commentary about the port, its history, the products brought to and shipped from the port, the origin of the ships and crew members, etc. Additional information will be available at a later date. It is my privilege to serve as your representative on the board of the Baltimore International Seafarers' Center. For more information, contact either me (410-923-0766) or the Seafarers' Center - 410-685-1240, baltseafarers@aol.com or www.baltseafarers.org-md.org

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