



IACAC NEWSLETTER

International Association of Civil Aviation Chaplains

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President's Letter

Dear Friends and Colleagues

A song has a few rights the same as ordinary citizens...if it happens to like flying where humans cannot fly--- to scale mountains that are not there, who shall stop it?

Charles Ives

Recently as I was driving to the local Garden Centre listening to my radio, enjoying the music that was being chosen by the guest on the programme I thought about how music relates to our lives. No matter what era that we were born in, we always remember the first record, disc or CD that we purchased, not forgetting the times we were under the bedclothes downloading the charts. We can also relate to pieces of music we have heard at times in our lives which bring back memories that may be happy or sad or other times that highlight events at which we were present.

When we listen to music we can feel the rhythm, relate to the melody or harmony, timbre and dynamic. Sometimes when I am cooking I tend to bang pots on the stove which produces a noise, but if I were to bang the same pots in rhythmic way I would be making some kind of music, maybe not very good but still music.

So how does life relate to music? In 1966 the Musical 'Sweet Charity' was premiered on Broadway, one of the songs from it is 'Rhythm of Life'. The Lyrics talk of the rhythm of life being a powerful beat, in every part of your body, your soul, it puts a tingle in your fingers and a tingle in your feet and I would say that it puts joy in your heart.

Music also gives to life melody or harmony. As Johann Philipp Kirnberger said 'The true goal of music – its proper enterprise – is melody. All parts of harmony have as their ultimate purpose only beautiful melody. Therefore the question of which is more significant, melody or harmony, is futile. Beyond doubt, the means is subordinate to the end.'

In music the melody is sometimes seen as the foreground whereas the harmony is the part that joins together the whole piece together, as chaplains it may be seen that this is one role that we play bring all side together in a variety of ways and serving our airport communities for the benefit of all.

In music, timbre is known as tone colour or tone quality which in simple terms is what makes a particular musical sound different from another, even when they have the same pitch and loudness. For instance, it is

the difference between a guitar and a piano playing the same note at the same loudness. Experienced musicians are able to distinguish between different instruments of the same type based on the varied timbres, even if those instruments are playing notes at the same pitch and loudness. As an organisation, timbre is what we bring to the table, as we are similar in many ways but varied in so many other ways. As we come from different cultures, faiths and parts of faiths, we are able to bring, and add colour and quality to what we do and where we do it.

Dynamics – what is that about? Normally dynamics refer to the volume of a sound or note but also can refer to every execution of a given piece. There are times when we have to turn the volume down such as when we come in contact with those who are suffering because of a disaster or the loss of a loved one. Relatively we may be called to turn the volume up when we are invited to support someone who is being harshly treated in the work-place, although this would be done in a diplomatic way. As Samuel Butler said "Life is like music, it must be composed by ear, feeling and instinct, not by rule. Nevertheless one had better know the rules, for sometimes they are a guide in doubtful cases, though not often"

Music and life are closely intertwined and the piece of music that I was listening to that morning on my trip to the garden centre was 'Both Sides, Now' by Joni Mitchell which has been recorded by Judi Collins, Frank Sinatra, Leonard Nimoy, Glen Campbell, Dolly Parton and many others too numerous to name here.

Here are a few of the lyrics:

*Rows and flows of angel hair
And ice cream castles in the air
And feather canyons everywhere,
I've looked at clouds that way.*

She talks about love:

*I've looked at love from both sides now
From give and take and still somehow
It's love's illusions I recall
I really don't know love at all.*

She goes onto talk about life:

*I've looked at life from both sides now
From up and down, and still somehow
It's life illusions I recall
I don't really don't know life at all.*

Pope Francis said:

Life today seems too obsessed by work. Together with a culture of work, there must be a culture of leisure as gratification. To put it another way: people who work must take time to relax, to be with their families, to enjoy themselves, read, listen to music, play a sport.

As Joni Mitchell says 'look at life from both sides now' which I would say is a good thing for we who are chaplains.



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IACAC ANNUAL CONFERENCE- NEW YORK

Registrations for our annual conference in New York on 6th-10th October 2015. Registrations for the Conference close on the 1st September. Any registration made after the 1st September may incur a late fee of \$US50. Registrations are to be made through our website www.iacac.info. The conference program, an information sheet and the Post Conference Tour itinerary are also available on the IACAC website.

Conference Date:

6th -10th October 2015 [5 nights]

Cost : Single- \$US1000

Double/Twin Share - \$US800

Post Conference Tour:

11th - 15th October 2015 [4 nights]

Cost: Single- \$US1200

Double/Twin Share - \$US1000

News from the New York Hosting Team

It is less than 100 days before the New York Conference begins. At this point the preparations are well underway. There has been one BIG CHANGE to the existing arrangements. We are accepting payments for the conference online and you can choose to do it that way, or you can do it later, even as late as in person in New York. The big change is that in either case you WILL NOT BE CHARGED any bank and/or transfer fees. All fees are covered by the Host Team, no matter when you will be making your payments. Those of you, who have already made your deposits will be reimbursed all extra fees attached to the deposit amount.

The ID badges are being prepared. Those of you, who would like to have your picture included on the badge, please email it to media@iacac.info.

Please send any inquiries you have to our Host chaplain Rev Romeo Dabee

Email romeodabee@cccny.net

IACAC EXECUTIVE BOARD ELECTIONS

Elections for the new President and Vice President of IACAC will take place during the New York Annual Business Meeting. Nominations were accepted from the following people;

President – Rev Chester Cook, Atlanta, USA, Rev Pierre de Mareuil, CDG Paris, France, Rev George Lane Manchester, UK

Vice President - Rev George Lane Manchester, Rev Pierre de Mareuil, CDG Paris, Lord Devraj Singh Saberwal, London Heathrow.

Each of the candidates was invited to provide a vision statement of how they viewed the future of IACAC. Rev Chester Cook, Atlanta, USA, Rev Pierre de Mareuil, CDG Paris, Rev George Lane, Manchester have responded and their statements are reproduced below in alphabetical order. At this time Lord Devraj Singh Saberwal, London Heathrow was unable to respond .

1. Rev Dr.Chester Cook- Atlanta International Airport, USA

Greeting in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, I have scribed a few words that hopefully will provide some platform ideas. I have been a member if IACAC for 11 years and will hopefully continue as a member until I retire. I am an Ordained Elder in the United Methodist Church. I have served as a Chaplain at ATL for 13 years as the Executive Director of the Interfaith Airport Chaplaincy, Inc. - I have recently accepted a new position with the Department of Aviation as the Airport Chaplaincy Program Manager. I have a Business degree in Marketing, a Masters in Divinity, and a Doctorate in Pastoral Care. I am married to Susan Cook, my greatest asset.

If elected IACAC President I will work with the Board as a servant to build upon the leadership legacy of the previous officers. The vision that God has shared with me is to strengthen the IACAC through increased communication, member care, and prayer. I envision regional development through regional representatives, which will improve our international network - I plan to attend regional gatherings and support emerging chaplaincies. I believe that our Conference should continue to provide Educational, Cultural, Spiritual, and Social opportunities all at a value cost. The Atlanta Chaplaincy Team hosted a successful Conference in Atlanta and believe with the proper approach the costs of Conference can be reduced. I also hope that an Interfaith Committee can be utilized to promote greater membership diversity. AGAPE, In Christ, Chester Rev. Dr. Chester Cook.

2. Rev Pierre de Mareuil- Protestant Chaplain, CDG, Paris, France

My vision for IACAC Future comes from conversations with many chaplains at AMS & ATL Conferences as well as with colleagues and airport management here at CDG. Should you find me suitable for the position and elect me as President or Vice-President of our association I shall be fully dedicated to this vision.

IACAC will turn 50 in 2017 and it dramatically needs to develop in order to move forward into the future. Here follow 4 points I feel we should pursue in order to develop our association:

1. Advance a multi faith global body IACAC has moved from a catholic to an ecumenical and multi faith association but this last dimension has hardly become a reality. It nevertheless is a crucial dimension for its development.

A prospective work needs to be undertaken on the matter as well as a more voluntary strategy in

order for it to become more inclusive of other faiths and traditions.

2. Improve our crisis expertise- Many of our chaplaincies have been involved in crisis situations. Those situations have often been shared in our annual conferences with the purpose of supporting one another.

IACAC as a global body of Airport Chaplains has a very important experience on the matter and that we should work on it, synthesize it, reflect on it, and capitalize on this global experience in order to improve the abilities of chaplains in crisis situations

Improve our service to the global aviation industry by sharing our global expertise

We should **strengthen our links with the global aviation industry.** The involvement of Delta & Air France-KLM in our past and future conferences (ATL, AMS, JFK, CDG) shows their interest in our association. Could this be developed? Could we get invited in international meetings about emergency response (such as the IATA Safety Group and Emergency Response Planning Task Force as was suggested in AMS by Kees van der Louw from KLM)?

3. Build a global and diverse theological and sociological reflection

Given the diversity of chaplains, cultures and religious traditions represented in our association we should offer a fascinating platform of theological and sociological reflection.

4. Develop and professionalize our training offer

On these matters as well as on many other ones we should develop our training offer and if possible professionalize it. MOOCs and other e-learning methods are growing fast. We should get on board this movement and find partnerships with academic and professional institutions to develop it.

Financial resources

In order to advance a truly multi faith global body, improve our expertise, build a global and diverse thinking and develop professional training tools IACAC needs to find more financial resources. As it has been suggested (and done) by several members in the past few years, this could be done by

Inviting more people to join the association, especially as associate members (board of trustees, airport and airlines companies' managements and personnel...),

Asking airports to contribute to IACAC via annual subventions.

A contribution of a few thousand dollars should be possible to obtain from big international airports (and smaller amounts from smaller airports) should we manage to share with them the ambition of our service. Aéroports de Paris Group will show the way on that

matter should we together pursue an ambitious vision for IACAC and the work we all accomplish through our chaplaincies.

I was surprised and humbled when I was approached in Amsterdam to be nominated for the election as President and Vice-President of IACAC. I would be proud to serve you and our association in one or the other of these positions and would remain a motivated and active member should you prefer one of my distinguished competitors and will equally be honored to serve you as Host Chaplain in Paris next year!

Rev Pierre de Mareuil

3. Rev George Lane-Senior Coordinating Chaplain, Manchester Airport, UK

It is only three and a half years since I became Co-ordinating Chaplain at Manchester Airport, and almost two years since I attended my first IACAC Conference. From the outset, membership of the International Association was important to me, first, because as a new chaplain, it was of inestimable value to connect with other chaplains already engaged in this ministry elsewhere and to learn from their experience and wisdom, and secondly, as a response to the many generous messages of welcome and support I received when I first started at Manchester.

Manchester Airport Chaplaincy has had a long and committed relationship with the IACAC over the years, and especially through Mike Vincer's long ministry. I am proud to build on that ministry and to ensure that Manchester remains committed to this international association. I am proud that we have managed to send two members of our team to Amsterdam in 2014 and two again to New York in 2015.

I don't come to this role with my own distinct vision for the future of the association, rather, as I am still discerning the inherited vision of the Executive Board and of the wider Association, I am engaged in a process of absorbing that inherited vision – a vision I strongly support and would wish to ensure continues to be implemented. At the same time, undoubtedly, this vision needs to develop and be reinterpreted if we are to move forward positively and avoid finding ourselves declining in both numbers and impact.

So...

I fully support the aim of the Association to be the professional association for Civil Aviation Chaplains in their priestly, pastoral and prophetic ministry roles within and towards the aviation industry.

This raises issues about how far the Association should be involved in setting professional standards, and strengthening the voice of aviation chaplaincy within the industry; supporting chaplaincies that are struggling for support and nurturing new chaplaincies wherever possible.

I fully support the Association's desire to be as inclusive as possible, welcoming members drawn

from a number of world faiths, while protecting all that has been good in the past (almost) 50 years.

This raises issues of how we can retain our own personal identity and integrity, and a wider corporate identity and integrity as an association as we become more culturally and spiritually diverse.

I fully support the purposes and priorities of the International Association of Civil Aviation Chaplains:

Our primary purpose is fellowship and mutual support, at conference, and also throughout the year.

- To provide for and promote an essential fellowship under God for those engaged in ministry in the unique environment of civil aviation.
- To nurture ecumenical, spiritual and interfaith relationships
- The purposes of the International Association of Civil Aviation Chaplains are to be fulfilled through meetings at intervals to be decided by IACAC, by the maintenance of an Executive Board and by the promulgation of information through monthly newsletter and the IACAC website.

The best way to do this is through regular communication – in person, wherever and whenever possible, but also, recognising the power of the internet and social media to bring us together.

- To provide a continuing exchange of experience and insights to enhance the fulfilment of our task.

Our secondary, but no less important function is to be a conduit for continuing professional/ministerial development and theological formation as well as wider education and training. This is a huge task for such a lean organisation, so we will need to do this in partnership with other companies and organisations, partner churches, religious groups and educational institutions – and also with regional or national networks of IACAC members:

- To develop our understanding of how civil aviation functions, its effect upon people engaged in and using it, and its influence in shaping our world.
- To engage in mutual theological and sociological study & reflection related to our task.
- To affirm and communicate our experience of God's one world which is given to us through the nature of civil aviation and our involvement in it.

It has been a pleasure and privilege to be part of the Executive Board as Vice President for one year, and to see the way longstanding experience and creative innovation come together in the Exec. for the good of the association. I have been working in the background on various projects, which I hope will come to fruition in the coming year, these include how we relate the

global IACAC to national/regional networks, and how we share resources (liturgical, publicity, pastoral, professional) and experience (through developing relationships and mentoring). It is already within the remit of the Executive Board to exercise power to appoint and constitute such regional groups as they shall think fit – this would not be an innovation – though it is essential to create sustainable networks that meet our members' needs.

The Association faces a number of challenges, including ensuring that membership increases and related income allows us to do all that we would wish. We need to be imaginative in finding ways not only to gain new members, but also to ensure that they see their membership as essential to their chaplaincy role and offering value to them in terms of networks, support, resources, training and fellowship.

**Some priorities that I would wish to emphasise:
Prayer – and effective communication**

At Manchester we have developed a 52-week prayer calendar, which means we remember our fellow chaplaincies and their members every day in our prayers. First and foremost, whatever our religious tradition, we should be praying for each other. To pray effectively, we need effective and regular communication and information. Thankfully we have a media officer (who is willing to continue in post) with the skills and vision to develop the Association's communications media. I see the IACAC website, and links to one another's websites, as a key part of the development of the Association and ensure that members and potential members see the Association as essential and as offering value in terms of networks, support, resources, training and fellowship.

Sharing of resources – and experience

As I am currently preparing materials for the 30th anniversary of the Manchester Air / Airtours Disaster in August 1985, I realise how much we have to share with and to learn from one another who have been in similar situations. Manchester's involvement in the TRAVEL SAFE initiative, protecting vulnerable passengers from exploitation, reminds me of the valuable input from the Border Police at Schiphol. Developing libraries of resources and sharing of experience whenever we come together to meet is something that many of us would appreciate.

Promoting good practice – accrediting members to the wider aviation industry.

Finally, I want to see an IACAC badge on an airport chaplain's lapel or lanyard as a sign that promotes confidence to the public, but even more crucially, to our airport colleagues and management that we are well-trained, accountable and professional partners who may be trusted to deliver a valued and valuable service to our colleagues, passengers and public. I will rely on colleagues at Manchester to enable me to act as President or to continue to act as Vice President of the Association, and also on the support and generosity of the airport, airlines and the Association itself. It is with trepidation, but also with a sense of

purpose that I confirm my candidacy for the role of President or Vice-President of the International Association of Civil Aviation Chaplains
George Lane, Manchester, August 2015

PROXY VOTING

If you are unable to attend the New York conference and have paid your 2015 membership subscription as an active member and wish to vote at the Annual Business Meeting, you are able to apply for a proxy vote.

Applications for a proxy vote must be made to the treasurer, Mrs Bev McNeely, <treasurer@iacac.info>

Excerpt from the Constitution

6.4 Any member unable to attend the Annual Business Meeting in the year of elections may assign a proxy vote to another member who must be present at the Annual Business Meeting in order to exercise that proxy vote.

6.5 No member may hold or exercise proxies to vote from more than two other members of the Association.

6.6 The member assigning the proxy vote must advise the Treasurer in writing before the commencement of the Annual Conference the name of the member to whom the voting rights have been assigned and the Treasurer will then issue the appropriate voting papers to the member so nominated.

NEWS FROM OUR CHAPLAINCIES

Our friend Rev Walter Meir from Zurich wrote: I'd like to ask you a favour on behalf of our friend Giacomo Tumbarello. Perhaps some of you may remember him. He was the protestant Airport Chaplain in Milan Linate. For the past few years he has been living in his hometown Trapani in Sicily. He is the pastor of the Pentecostal Church there. His community is a rather small one. But they are taking care of more than a hundred refugees who stranded on the shores of the sea. The media show us daily the tragedy of these poor people. Giacomo writes: *"These refugees arrive with only what they are wearing and hunger. We give them spiritual and material help. And in this we need your support. Please, pray for us. And if it is possible for you to send a donation. It will be very much appreciated! Any donation can be transferred on this account: IBAN IT13 Y076 0116 4000 0007 4008 525 BIC/SWIFT BPPIITRRXXX The account is in the name Giacomo Tumbarello Poste Italiane Trapani".*

Major Keith Hampton has left Sydney Airport and received a Change of Appointment in the Salvation Army to be the Corps Officer/Minister of Springwood SA church in NSW. He will be sadly missed and, until a replacement chaplain is chosen, Major George Lingard is acting Coordinator and will be looking after the airport along with the other members of the team

Melbourne Airport has begun trials of its new Terminal 4, which is planned to open later this year. This will be a domestic terminal and will allow for the further expansion of services for the airlines using it.

On the 22nd August Manchester Airport will commemorate the 30th anniversary of the plane crash that killed 55 people. They will remember the people who lost their lives 30 years ago. Their thoughts will be with the relatives, the survivors of the incident and the people involved in the rescue operation on that day - many of whom are due to attend a special remembrance service at Manchester Airport.

We pray that at last the mystery of the disappearance of MH370 may be solved as the search for more of the plane continues. Its disappearance remains a deep grief for the families of those on board the flight and for the employees of Malaysian Airlines.

Commissioner Keith Banks from Glasgow International Airport featured in the Salvation Army 150th Anniversary special edition Newsletter distributed at the International Congress "Boundless" held in London during July. He was asked to reflect on what a chaplain does in an airport. His reply described his role as "being human" and he went on to say; *if it is true that the whole of human life is found in an airport then it follows that all human emotions will be reflected there too - human joys, sorrow, aspirations, disappointments, longings- so perhaps that's the short answer to what chaplains are doing at an airport. They are being human trying to do their best to reflect the spirit and nature of Christ in a place where the world intersects.*

On the 30th July Gatwick Airport Chaplaincy held a service of dedication for the opening of the new North Terminal Chapel Prayer Room. Recently the Rev Canon Jonathan Baldwin was interviewed by the Directorate Human Resources, Organization and Benchmarking Quality and Quality standards Via dell'aeroporto di Fiumicino about his work as an airport chaplain. He was asked many questions about the availability of the chapels to peoples of all faiths, how comfort is given to those passing through the airport, the kind of services offered and some of the emotional moments he has faced. He concluded the interview with these words, *"I believe the public face that we present to the airport customers is how they will remember us and our airport. Showing God's love for the members of his Creation, is such an important thing that we should be doing in all our daily lives."*

THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH

The most powerful weapon on earth is the human soul on fire.

Ferdinand Foch