



IACAC NEWSLETTER

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President's letter

My last letter as President

This letter has been very difficult to compose and I write it with very mixed emotions. It has been an incredible journey for me, since I was first approached in Phoenix, and asked to consider allowing my name to be put forward for the election of President. I was immensely humbled and didn't at first consider myself worthy, or perhaps capable of fulfilling the role adequately. What I have achieved, with my fellow Board members, is up for everyone else to judge.

Somehow I think I have achieved a few of the goals I set myself. I do believe I have raised awareness that we are a Multi-Faith organisation and each conference needs to be more geared up to accommodate non-Christian chaplains.

However over the past four years of my time in office we have not seen any increase in the number of non-Christians' attending our Conferences and I have not had any encouragement from members of other Faiths. In fact I don't think we have had any new non-Christian chaplains join either? This is with the exception of the support received from my good friend, Abdeslam Koubaa, the former Brussels Airport Muslim Chaplain and Amiriar Singh the Sikh Chaplain at London Heathrow Airport. My greetings to you all at the

end of my letters is a testament to how deeply I feel about this.



One of my favourite logos' is COEXIST

How I wish we we could all come together at conference and share the love The Creator has for his world and his children. It would be wonderful to think we could share that love without all the arguing and inevitable politics that goes on when human beings get together in a large group. But there's always hope!

And now I wish every Chaplain this month, Asatri Akall. A Sallam Alaikoum! Peace be with you, Namaste, Shalom God's Blessings from Jonathan your President.

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IACAC 2013 Annual Conference Atlanta

This year's conference promises to be interesting and stimulating and we look forward to seeing you in Atlanta.

IACAC Board Elections

At the 2013 Annual Business Meeting to be held during the Atlanta Conference, elections will be held for the new Board. Nominations were accepted at the 2012 meeting for the election of the new Board. The nominations received were as follows:

President - Rev Howie Adan [Nanaimo, Canada], Deacon Lewis Rose [Aberdeen UK]

Vice President - Rev Howie Adan [Naimao, Canada], Deacon Lewis Rose [Aberdeen UK] Rev Chester Cook [Atlanta, USA]

Treasurer – Mrs Beverly McNeely [Indianapolis, USA]

Directory Officer – Mr. Andreas Sembdner [Dresden, Germany], Fr. Chris Piasta [JFK, USA]

Sadly, for personal reasons, both Mr Andreas Sembdner and Rev Dr Chester Cook have withdrawn their nominations. As only one nomination has been received for the position of Treasurer and for that of Directory officer, Mrs Beverly McNeely is elected unopposed as Treasurer and Fr. Chris Piasta will become the Directory Officer. There will now only be an election for the position of President with the unsuccessful candidate becoming the Vice President.

Directory Page Updates

Do you regularly check the Directory Page for your Chaplaincy on our website? It is important to make sure we have the right information on your page so if you have had any staff changes or changes in contact details please inform Fr Chris Piasta chris.piasta@gmail.com and the Secretary, Mary Holloway meh@iinet.net.au

News From Our Chaplaincies

Bette Vincer has sent a message *"Thanks for all the messages from our IACAC friends. They've been good to read. Thought you'd like to know that Mike has returned home after completing the radiotherapy treatment. It's so good to have him home. Whilst being totally realistic about his situation we are nonetheless enjoying and making the most of this precious time together. Please convey our heartfelt thanks for all the love, prayers and good wishes we have received."*

Many good wishes and blessings to Deacon Claudio Cimaschi as he prepares to leave Zurich Airport and begin work in a Parish. Claudio contributed much to IACAC during his time as Treasurer and has been an invaluable part of the chaplaincy team at Zurich. He will be greatly missed.

Our friends in Nairobi continue their work in recovering from the fire which destroyed the Terminal where the Chapel was located. They have established a temporary Chapel in a tent in the airport grounds and are gathering Bibles and hymn books to replace those which were destroyed. Please continue to hold the Nairobi Team in your prayers.

Please also remember the pilots, crews, workers and their families involved in the North Sea oil exploration and off shore rigs throughout the UK. This is a tough time for them as they deal with the helicopter tragedy off Aberdeen and the flow on effect to other helicopter bases in the country.

Thought For The Month

'When you are knocked down, be sure to land on your back, because if you can look up, you can get up.'
Nelson Mandela

