



IACAC NEWSLETTER

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Dear Friends and Colleagues,

Charles Rennie Mackintosh – architect, designer and artist was one of Scotland's most influential creative figures if not across the world in the area of Art Deco, and today we can see many of his ideas replicated. Sadly on Friday 23rd May one of his iconic buildings, The Glasgow School of Art, went on fire, much of the building has been saved although unfortunately the Library has been completely destroyed, Charles Rennie Mackintosh never created to destroy.

Reflecting on this it made me consider – do we create to destroy? Even before we are born we are involved in the process of creation as we instil feelings of love and care in our mother who is carrying us and our father who helped to create us.

Many years ago I was attending the Industrial Mission Conference held in the University of Sunderland, England, which sits on the site of a former shipyard where ships were designed, created and built and which sailed across the world taking people to other continents where they helped to create new societies and communities.

Also on this site is the National Glass Centre, where designers and artists bring their ideas to fruition creating new ideas and pieces. During the conference one my colleagues and myself decided to opt out of one of the sessions and visited the Glass Centre, as we entered I saw one of the potters with a large piece of clay and remarked on it, before we knew what was happening we both were sitting at a potter's wheel and beginning to create a pot as they say.

As we worked away and chatted to the tutor he told us the following story: A class of school pupils were visiting the centre and taking part in various activities, one young boy who his teacher said that there was nothing they could do with him, sat down at a potter's wheel and a short lesson began to mould a pot, the tutor told us that this boy was a natural at work with the clay and the wheel creating what was a thing of beauty.

Here was a wee boy who his teachers said that there was nothing that they could do with him, found something that interested him and which he could use his creative talents and not destroy them.

As we wander through life and as airport chaplains/people of faith we are offered opportunities every day where we can be creative, do we take them or do we destroy that opportunity?

The wee boy that I heard about in Sunderland grasped his opportunity; the potter also did the same as he saw something in the boy that the teachers maybe failed to grasp here was someone who had a talent to be creative.

It is a sad indictment of today that we are a throw-away society where so much is destroyed instead of taking things and trying to create something that is new and exciting. As people of faith this is what happens to us as every day we are given opportunities to create something new and exciting as we touch all those that we come in contact with us.

As life progresses we create companionship, friendship and many other things and sometimes feelings that we would wish not to have – but that is life.

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Letter from Rev Howie Adan

Dear Chaplains,

With sadness I have recently submitted a letter of resignation to the Board of the IACAC. Some of you will know that this past year has been a turbulent one for me. Uncertainty about my future location and employment was one of the reasons I took my name off the ballot in the election for IACAC President at the conference in Atlanta. At present I have set a course that will take me away from airport chaplaincy. For this reason I am stepping down as your vice-president; I feel strongly that the organization is best served at the Board level by those who are actively engaged in chaplaincy on a day-to-day basis. My involvement with the IACAC over the past 10 years has been a wonderful blessing to me. You will remain in my thoughts and prayers.

Warmly in Christ,

Rev. Howie Adan

IACAC ANNUAL 2014 CONFERENCE

This year our annual conference will be held in Amsterdam. The conference program will explore the value added to the airport by the presence of the chaplaincy. Conference registration and payment will again be made online through the website

www.iacac.info

This year the conference is in August, earlier than in past years. Please register by the 19th July.

Conference Date:

19th – 23rd August 2014 [5 nights]

Cost : Single- € 660

Double/Twin Share - € 460

Post Conference Tour:

24th - 27th August 2014 [4 nights]

Cost: Single- € 699

Double/Twin Share - € 530

KLM and Air France have become official carriers of the Amsterdam Conference. If you want to use the special fare, you must go to this web site: http://www.airfrance.fr/FR/fr/local/www_airfranceklm-globalmeetings.com.htm and use Event ID 22615AF or use the link on our website. This year conference delegates must book directly by phone or mail with the iAM Hotel, Amsterdam Airport, Hoofddorp for any nights prior to, or after the conference which they may require. A special conference rate has been negotiated and the Reservation code is SCH-GF63056

From the Media Officer:

We are just about to gather again for an annual conference in Amsterdam. I hope that many of you will be there, and I will have a chance to network and collaborate with you again. With those of you who won't be in Amsterdam I hope to remain in touch with via our official channels of communication, and more personally via email. From the media and communications perspective I would like to make it another conference that brings a lot of new and exciting features to our communications, both internally and for customers outside of IACAC.

At this time there is already available a newly designed database that is more flexible and much better integrated with the rest of our web site. It gives us almost unlimited possibilities for development, so that you can make sure that all important information about you and your chaplaincy is there. Those of you who are paid members, you should see next to your name a miniature logo of IACAC that indicates your status as such. If you want to enter your chaplaincy's logo, (additional) pictures, airport plans, links or anything else: it is all possible now and much more. Just make sure that any images have to comply with local and international copyright laws. Our database has also a QR code (below the text), which you are free to use and make available to all who wish to use it.

Similarly to the conference in Atlanta, we will be making an attempt to videotape Amsterdam Conference, possibly all parts of it except for the Business Meeting. Besides featured presentation sessions, I will be videotaping some behind-the-scenes (so called B-roll) which will eventually make a larger video about the conference, our chaplaincies and association. Additionally, I am planning to interview several of you and use this footage on our web site. If you want to have a copy of the raw material (up to HD 1080p), rendered version or just YouTube link: all of that will be available to you at no cost. Please contact me if you are interested in having an interview, so that we could make it happen. Not all taped material will be available to you at once; sometimes large video files require significant amount of time to either be copied or rendered, which means that some of you will receive it in the mail after the conference.

There will be several national and international media representatives present at the conference: we are already accepting accreditation requests, that is why at the conference registration in Amsterdam, you will be

asked to sign a standard release form associated with any media footage taken of during the official part of the conference.

These efforts are a part of a larger-scale marketing and public relations strategy aimed on further improvement of our brand name. I do hope that we will all see an increasing awareness about our services as chaplains, chaplaincies and IACAC.

If you would like to request any assistance or help from me for your chaplaincy's media or PR plan, if you require any technical help or advice, please feel free to contact me directly.

See you in Amsterdam,

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News From our Chaplaincies

Pastor Bob White from Minneapolis-St. Paul Airport Chaplaincy contacted us to say: I want to inform you that the funeral for James R. "Monk" Moser was held last Friday [9th May] at Faith Covenant Church. Monk had battled Parkinson's for a number of years and died of a kidney infection. Monk was an originating member of the Minneapolis-St. Paul Airport Chaplaincy in 1973. He was very active as a pilot for North Central and later Republic/Northwest in developing and providing support for aero medical and chemical dependency for airline pilots. Monk presented the information on the United States "Alcoholism Program for Airline Pilots" at the 1974 Civil Aviation Chaplains' Conference in Vancouver, where Tom Elden was the host chaplain. He subsequently assisted in the development of chemical dependency programs in Canada and in Frankfurt at the invitation of Walter Maader. He and his wife Marian hosted Peter and Mae Holloway from Melbourne when Peter was attending the Johnson Institute in Minnesota in preparation for developing a chemical dependency program in Australia. The Holloways and Mosers became lasting friends. Monk and Marian hosted an evening barbeque at their home during the 1980 Civil Aviation Chaplains' Conference that was held in Minneapolis-St. Paul. They were very active and supporters of the Minneapolis-St. Paul Airport Chaplaincy. Well done, good and faithful servant.

Members may be interested to know that London Heathrow's new Terminal 2 – The Queen's Terminal opens for business on the 4th June. The first airline to use the terminal will be United with other airlines moving in over the next six months. The Queen is officially opening the building on the 23rd June.

Father Gabriel Feyisetan from Lagos says thanks a million to all for the prayers about the Nigerian situation. He says, "It is really very unfortunate that at this age barbaric situations like this or human trafficking could still be the order of the day. I do not think I would come to this year conference because this year I am celebrating with my colleagues our 25th anniversary of ordination with two Bishops among us. We want to attend each other's celebration in our different parishes including three of us who are Dominicans, ours is in October. Hopefully God willing, next year we will meet in USA. God bless you all.