



IACAC NEWSLETTER

International Association of Civil Aviation Chaplains

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Dear Friends and Colleagues,

Firstly I would wish to express my thanks to everyone in IACAC for having the confidence in having me as your president, it is both an honour and a privilege to be so and I trust that I will be able to live up to your expectations.

I have now arrived back home in Scotland and had a bit of time to reflect on our time together in Atlanta and offer my grateful thanks to Chester, Carl and Terry along with the rest of their team in making our conference once again a successful event. One of the areas that we as airport chaplains are involved in, is travelling whether it is for ourselves or with members of the public who travel through our airports or the staff who have to care for them. Since time immemorial people have always travelled, it is part of human nature to explore to look for new places to visit or being moved out of their country which brings to mind a story which I may have told some of you before.

Some years ago in my previous job I was visiting Lewis the largest of the Western Isles where the next piece of land if you look west, is North America. I had travelled up to Uig on the north west side of the Island and noticed that an Iron Age house had been rediscovered following a severe storm, as I looked at it a couple (a man and his daughter) who were rethatching it, spoke to me. The man told me that on the beach where I was standing was the place where one of the highland clearances had taken place and the people who lived there had boarded a ship to take them to what is the U.S.A today. Unfortunately the ship and the people never made it there as it ran into a severe storm on the west coast of Ireland and had to put in to a small harbour for

repairs. The ship was never repaired and the good people never reached their destination. Over the intervening years all these good Presbyterians married into the Catholic community and Presbyterianism slowly disappeared.

Many years later came the potato famine in Ireland and the people of the village upped roots and sailed for America. About twenty years ago a young woman whose ancestors had left Lewis and stopped off in Ireland, met a young man in Chicago who came from the area her forefathers had left, fell in love and came back to Uig to get married.

This story not only talks of people travelling but it has another aspect to it and that is touching people. The man who told me the story on Lewis touched me and following the conference and the post conference tour I visited Dollywood with Terry, Shirley and Mary where I looked up members of my Clan who emigrated to the USA and told one of the ladies there the story, who then invited me to recount the story to her colleagues.

We, as airport chaplains, are very privileged people as we touch and are touched by all those with whom we come in contact in our daily work as they travel through our airports and we listen to their stories. Many Blessings on each of you
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The New IACAC Board

President- Deacon Lewis Rose
Vice President- Rev Howie Adan
Secretary- Miss Mary Holloway
Treasurer- Mrs Bev McNeely
Media Officer- Fr Chris Piasta
Host Chaplain 1- Rev Dr Chester Cook
Host chaplain 2 - Rev Wina Hordijk
Our new President and Vice President spoke of their vision for the future of the Association and of their intention to develop a five year plan outlining goals and objectives to grow and strengthen the Association. As a cohesive team, the Board aims to offer support and advice to new and developing chaplaincies whilst maintaining links with all our present members.

IACAC Annual Conference-Atlanta

On the 17th September approximately eighty people gathered in Atlanta for the opening service of the IACAC annual conference. The service was held in Freedom Hall, part of the Martin Luther King complex and included faith stories told by members of the Moslem, Jewish and Christian communities of Atlanta, Each day began early with shared worship and was filled with many things to see, do and think about. The theme of the conference was "The Business of Service" and this was explored by a number of presenters. At the *Chick-Fil-A* Company headquarters it was suggested to us that great leaders serve. Taking each letter of the word 'SERVE' this concept was further developed.

S – See and shape the future by creating and communicating a compelling vision of that future that inspires others.

E – Engage and develop others by recruiting and selecting the right people for the right job while creating an environment where people willingly work towards achievement of the vision.

R – Reinvent by continuously taking to the next level with a never ending focus on improvement

V - Value results and Relationships by surrounding self with people with whom relationships have been built and value their efforts. Their must be a basis of trust with those with whom you work..

E – Embody the values by constantly demonstrating what you believe. Leadership

must always demonstrate the desired values.

The focus of this presentation proposed that a leader must ensure that they have the right people on the team to achieve the goals and demonstrate the values embodied in the company to achieve the desired results. Whilst this was put forward as a business model there is much we can consider in it when thinking about and building our chaplaincy teams.

Another highlight of the week was the day spent at Delta Airlines learning about their Care program. Their presentation was informative and interesting. Throughout the conference our media officer, Fr Chris Piasta videoed presentations and these can be accessed on our website www.iacac.info

At the Annual Business Meeting invitations were received for holding the annual conference in 2014 and 2015. Future conferences will be held in the following cities:

2014 – Amsterdam, 19-24th August

2015 – New York JFK, September

Our outgoing board was thanked for its contribution to the Association. Special thanks was paid to, Jonathan Baldwin, for his exceptional pastoral care of chaplains during his time as President. The Rev Michael Banfield was proposed and accepted as an honoray member in recognition for his work in supporting new chaplains and the development of the collection of training documents now available on the website.

Much discussion took place on the continuing development of our website and the opportunities to connect via Facebook and Twitter. The use of digital communication keeps us connected so much more easily than in the past.

New Members

During the Annual Business meeting thirteen new members were accepted and we extend a warm welcome to them.

Mr. John Hipsky- Sawyer International Airport,
Michigan- Plymouth Brethen

Canon Liz Hughes- London Luton- Anglican
Fr Jose Pena- Lester Pearson Intl Airport,
Toronto, Canade. RC

Rev Nico Sarot- Amsteden Schiphol, - Old Catholic/Anglican
Rev Dieter Kleinman- Stuttgart, Germany- Evangelical
Mr Devraj Singh Khalsa- London Heathrow- Sikh
Rev Pierre de Mauriel- Charles De Gualle, Paris. Protestant
Rev [Deacon] Ray Odgen, George Bush Intl Airport, Houston, RC
Rev Benjamin Krieg, Frankfurt, Protestant
Rev [Deacon]Charles Samperi, George Bush Intl Airport, Houston, RC
Rev Dr Hutz Hertzberg, O'Hare/Midway- The Evangelical Free Church of America.
Rev Ann On-Lin Tang, Charlotte Douglas Intl Airport, Nth Carolina. UMC
Fr Conrad Hoover, Charlotte Douglas Intl Airport, Nth Carolina, RC

2013 Membership Subscriptions

It is still not too late to pay your 2013 membership dues if you have not already done so. This year members who are owing more than one year, have the opportunity to only pay the 2013 membership and become full financial members again. Do not delay! Go online at www.iacac.info and follow the links to make your payment by Pay Pal of \$60 per year.

News From Our Chaplaincies

The new Chapel/Meditation Room at Indianapolis Intl Airport is nearing completion and recently a beautiful stain glass window featuring the IACAC logo was installed. If you are passing through Indianapolis please make sure you call into the chapel and take a look. In early September Archbishop Desmond Tutu from Sth Africa flew into the airport and spent some time in the Chapel and was pleased to give a blessing on it. Please also hold Mrs Bev McNeely from Indianapolis in your prayers as she undergoes knee surgery on the 23rd October.

Please continue to keep the chaplaincy team at the Nairobi airports in your prayers as they continue the struggle to re establish their chapel after the terrible fire, which ripped through the terminal.

Canon Mike Vincer who retired from Manchester Airport some years ago, is now home with his family and determined to make the most of his time with his family. Mike and Bette are very grateful for the messages of love and support they have received and thank everybody for their care.

Major Joanne Slater, from Sydney Airport has been unwell for some time and will undergo further tests on Tuesday 23rd October. Joanne has a very strong faith and positive attitude to give her strength in facing her health issues. Our prayers are with her at this time.

At London Luton Airport things are changing. The Rev Michael Banfield has retired as senior Chaplain and has now moved to his new home in the south of England. Canon Liz Hughes has now begun work as the new Senior Chaplain at Luton. We welcome her and wish her well in her new role.

The British Isles and Ireland Airport Chaplains' Network will hold their next meeting in Dublin early in November. Details can be obtained from the secretary, Mrs Linda Banfield <touchdownlmb@gmail.com>

Thought For The Month

Success is getting things done efficiently- getting the results you want and being at peace with yourself and others at the same time.