

# Ship Ahoy!

Newsletter of the Seafarers Ministry of the Golden Gate



## Meet our New Chaplain

My name is **Jamieson Prevoznak** and I am excited and honored to be selected as the Chaplain for the Seafarers Ministry of the



Golden Gate. This ministry truly represents God's call to serve those who are in most need. In serving this historic ministry, I pray that I can be a witness to God's love and a witness to the presence of the Holy Spirit to all who seek our assistance. Whether it be driving seafarers to the mall or preaching the Word of God, everything this ministry does to help the seafarers and their families is bearing witness to the love of God. I am a graduate of San Francisco State University with a degree in Chinese Studies and International Relations. I am a graduate of San Francisco Theological Seminary where I earned a Masters of Divinity. I am also pursuing ordination through the PCUSA to a calling as a chaplain.



Part of the Packing Day crew: Alodia Corpuz (third from left) and seven great volunteers.

## Christmas at Sea a Great Success

The *Christmas at Sea* program just concluded in January 2016, and it was a resounding success. Over fifty (50) ships were visited and over 1000 ditty bags containing Christmas gifts were distributed to seafarers. The ditty bags were packed during Packing Day on October 27, which was attended by over 27 volunteers from 10 different churches and organizations. The packing day was coordinated by Board Member Alodia Corpuz, working with SCI-Bay Area staff Adrienne Yee and Jania Billups.

The program brought the Christmas spirit to the seafarers who are away from their families at this time.

## Alice's Stroll raises \$4k!

Our biggest fundraiser of the year was Alice Edmondson's "Virtual Shoreline Stroll" that she undertook during the October. Alice is an integral part of SMGG, as an active and productive Board member and volunteer at the International Maritime Center (IMC), as well as prolific fundraiser for our cause. Her outreach efforts and personal appeal to donors raised about \$4,300 in total, and part of that was donated to SCI. Thank you Alice for your dedication and service!



## SCI-Bay Area and SMGG Honor Adrienne Yee

The first Friday in December was the Christmas Celebration at the SCI-Bay Area's International Maritime Center (IMC), hosted by the Seamen's Church Institute (SCI) paid staff of Adrienne Yee, Director and Jania Billups (Administrative Associate). There were about 30 people consisting of volunteers and their guests. The volunteers were saluted for their countless hours in supporting the Center and its work for the seafarers at the Port of Oakland. SMGG is proud to participate in this ecumenical ministry to seafarers. Also honored was the outgoing SCI-Bay Area Director Adrienne Yee, who will be moving to Orange County, Southern California. We at SMGG



SCI Volunteer Dan Regan presents a parting gift to Adrienne Yee, with Jania Billups looking on.

appreciate her leadership at the Center and for coordinating the volunteers who staffed the Center, including Bruce Hoeger, Maria Rivera, and Phil & Joan Taylor. Assisted by Jania Billups, she has worked with the chaplains and the volunteers to coordinate and facilitate ship visits and provide hospitality to the seafarers at the Center. She has been the steady guiding force at the Center throughout the past seven years, and the multiple transitions during that period. We at SMGG will miss her direction, inspiration and vision for the Center.

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## YOUTHQUAKE 2015 MISSION WORK AT THE INTERNATIONAL MARITIME CENTER (IMC)

On September 19, a Youthquake Mission Team of five (5) youth and three (3) chaperones came to the IMC to volunteer for two hours. The Youthquake crew from Westside Baptist Church (Alameda) and St. Paul United Methodist Church (Fremont) was joined by Gregg Sneller from International Ministries (ABC-USA) to perform mission work which consisted of beautifying the outdoor appearance of the IMC by removing litter around the perimeter. Also, they cleaned the interior front area of the Center. As a result, their work made the Center more beautiful, inside and out. Any seafarers or visitors coming would be impressed by an improved appearance of the Center due to the volunteer efforts of the Youthquake crew. Pictured above are the crew, along with three SMGG Board members Roehl Cinco (left), Nancy Smith (third from left) and Alice Edmondson (right). Gregg Sneller is at back, third from right. Thanks for the hard work of the Youthquake Crew, and to Pastor Katie Choy-Wong for organizing.