

I've been trained in seminary at how to look at a Biblical text through a different lens than others. But I have never been trained to look at the person through a different lens than others. Now I see strangers in a different way.

— Local pastor after ship visit

WHY ARE WE OFFERING AN EXPERIENCE LIKE THIS?

We hope to define partnership with the Church in a new way.

We want to *give back* and make a difference in the Church

We believe we have a gift that can enable you to come away renewed, refreshed, and with a new fire of God's call

Chaplaincy is connecting absolutely anywhere and everywhere. So rich...in some ways I realize a lot of what I do, which is a lot of parish calling, fits into what you do as a chaplain. But your insight about it was so enlivening.

— pastor's reflection after a visit

One seafarer told me, "I love to come to Boston because I know I have friends who will visit me." It's like coming home, almost!" Our ministry depends on our ability to board ships, visit face to face, and be a hospitable and welcoming face in a busy and often harsh working environment.

— Mentored Ministry student

Leadership

Rev. Dr. Nash Garabedian 207-871-7699

Port Chaplain since 2003. He has over 25 years experience as parish minister, spiritual director, mentor and retreat leader.

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A Clergy Group to Build



Bridges of Transformation

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Refreshing Ministry While

Connecting Internationally

Feeling *burned out*?

Wondering if God is still present and at work in your life?

Is *passion* for ministry slipping away?

Are you struggling to see a *vision* for those you lead?

Do you want to *break out* of an institutional model of ministry and regain a sense of mission?

Only 23% of pastors said they felt happy and content on a regular basis with who they are in Christ, in their church, and in their home!
— Study by Francis Schaefer Institute

THIS SHORT-TERM EXPERIENCE
OF MISSION AND OUTREACH
WILL LIGHT A NEW FIRE IN LIFE!

THAT'S ALL YOU NEED
TO LIGHT A FIRE IN YOU!

12 weeks of your time
that includes...

36 hours ship visiting with
experienced chaplains in a
unique ministry setting
yielding spiritual challenges:

- Large commercial ships
- Multi-national seafarers
- Industrial workplace



9 hours in a small group of peers
reflecting and challenging each
other to grow in discipleship.

EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING

- Come alongside this unknown community of merchant mariners
- Multi-cultural industrial environment outside your daily world will challenge you in unexpected ways.
- See God's presence in unlikely places—a new culture/community

SPIRITUAL DISCERNMENT

- Experienced chaplains and spiritual directors guide you *alongside*
- Post-visit reflection and discussion equips for outreach to strangers
- Learn to quickly build relationships with those outside your Christian faith and community

PRACTICAL APPLICATION

- Personal reflection and group discussion makes theology *real*
- Gain new confidence in multi-cultural outreach
- Clarify ways to *come alongside* those in your neighborhood

Begins: September 14, 2012
Cost: \$150 for the entire experience.
Registration Deadline: Sept. 5, 2012
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