



PARTNERS IN MISSION - 'CARING FOR ALL SEAFARERS AND THEIR FAMILIES'

Why?

Paul's letter to the Philippians teaches us the importance as followers of Jesus of supporting one another with prayer, encouragement and giving.

After consultation and discernment the Mission to Seafarers (MTS) in the Port of Vancouver, BC, and St Michael's Multicultural Anglican Parish (SMM) in Vancouver, BC, have decided to again partner in Mission in the care of seafarers and their families. The original 1-year term will forthwith be a 2-year term. It will next be up for renewal in 2021, the same year as the completion of SMM's 7-year 2014-2021 Strategic Plan.

The purpose of this reciprocal and mutually beneficial partnership is to enable people at SMM to live out their multicultural Christian service as disciples of Jesus, and in so doing broaden and intensify the ability of the Mission to Seafarers to fulfil its mandate through an increase of volunteers.

For St Michael's, this is a return to a Ministry that they supported at the turn of the Millennium. It was institutionalized with this covenant, and as a newly established/ratified SMART Goal #5 on 1 July 2018, at SMM's 2021 Strat Plan Retreat in Manning Park (see p-2 & p-3 for the 2019 Vestry updated Strategic Framework context).

What?

1. The MTS & SMM will continue to jointly explore opportunities where SMM can support the Seafarers.
2. The MTS will orientate, train and equip volunteers; 3 such individuals are being honored this day.
3. The MTS will work to grow awareness of the Seafarer amongst the people of St Michael's and through them to others.
4. SMM will support MTS events (Cycle for Seafarers - August/ Christmas at Sea / and if possible host an annual fundraiser for the Mission).
5. SMM will pray for the Mission, the seafarers and their families.
6. SMM will host an annual Sea Sunday service at St. Michael's.
7. The MTS & SMM will meet to plan as needed, and to review/renew the partnership/covenant biennially.

This second covenant signed on Sunday 29 Sept 2019, for a two year term, at the St Michael's Day Service at SMM.

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