



# ANNUAL REPORT 2022

JAN 1 - DEC 31 2022

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## WE RELY ON GLOBAL SUPPLY

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Approximately 90% of all  
our material goods are sourced from other  
countries and transported to Canada via ship.

Despite our reliance on the seafarers who keep  
the global supply chain moving, these resilient  
men and women remain largely invisible to the  
average Canadian.



## SHIPS WE SERVE

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### CONTAINER & CRUISE SHIPS, TANKERS, BULK CARRIERS

On average, ships coming to Montreal are 225 metres long. In comparison, the Eiffel Tower is 324 metres tall.



### SCHEDULES

A ship travels at an average of 24 knots per hour and takes 10-20 days to cross the Atlantic (depending on the route).



### CREW

The average crew on a merchant ship consists of 20 members who work around the clock in shifts, on average 12 hours/day — every day of the week.





## WE DEPEND ON SEAFARERS

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As seafarers work tirelessly to connect us with most of the goods we own and use — they themselves are isolated from family, friends and from the familiarity of their home countries.

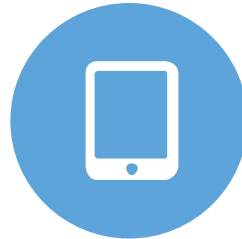
# LIFE AT SEA

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## **FAR FROM HOME**

1.6 million seafarers are typically out to sea and away from home for 6-9 months at a time — depending on their contract



## **ISOLATION**

Many ships lack adequate telephone or Wi-Fi service, meaning that seafarers rely on time in port to contact friends and family



## **SHORE LEAVE**

In many ports, seafarers must be granted shore leave even to have the opportunity to:

- Access data/free Wi-Fi
- Purchase personal items
- Interact with anyone outside their crew

# PORT OF MONTREAL

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The Port of Montreal is a hub of world trade and the economic engine of Greater Montreal.

The port is connected to more than 140 countries and welcomes ships during all 12 months of the year.



# OUR PORT

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## HANDLES

34 Metric tons of cargo (2021),  
out of the 11 billion tons that  
are transported at sea,  
including:

- 42% Container Ships
- 34% Liquid Bulk
- 24% Dry Bulk



## SIZE

Spanning 26 kilometres,  
the port of Montreal:

- Welcomes 2000 vessels/year
- Contains 23 terminals
- Includes a terminal in  
Contrecoeur (66 KM away)



## AMENITIES

Services on offer to meet the needs  
of seafarers who arrive in our port:

- Free transportation
- SIM cards/currency exchange
- Seafarers' Centre



Ministry to Seafarers

[www.ministrytoseafarers.org](http://www.ministrytoseafarers.org)



## OUR MISSION

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The Ministry to Seafarers (M2S) is dedicated to enhancing the lives of seafarers regardless of race, religion, gender or rank, through ship visiting, advocacy and hospitality; and showing Jesus' love by caring for their physical, emotional, spiritual and justice needs.

## MOVING FORWARD TOGETHER

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The COVID-19 pandemic continued to be a source of uncertainty for seafarers who faced ongoing restrictions in their daily lives.

Our vision acknowledged that uncertainty but included our desire to live with and share with them an attitude of hopeful expectation.



## Vision 2022

To patiently  
live in the  
***Now and Not Yet***  
with hopeful  
expectation.



## THE CHALLENGE

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While the work itself and the dangers inherent to life at sea are both challenging, the greatest challenge faced by seafarers is loneliness.

# A MINISTRY OF PRESENCE

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We work in the harbour.

Covering the full breadth of our 26-km port, our chaplains, staff, interns and volunteers aim daily to meet the seafarers where they are – whether on ship or shore – to assist them in accessing our city, to connect with community and to receive spiritual or practical care as desired.

We also work to bring visibility to the value and presence of seafarers in our city through engagement with our wider Montreal community and beyond.



# SHIP TO SHORE

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## CHAPLAINCY

Visiting on ship or shore provides a time for our chaplains to offer spiritual counsel, a Bible or devotional or prayer with and for the crew.



## SHIP VISITS

Our chaplains and volunteers visit each ship in port, offering a listening ear to seafarers who wish to talk about faith, personal joys and sorrows, or to share about family difficulties that are particular to those who spend long periods of time away from home.







## TRANSPORTATION

For seafarers granted shore leave, the expansive 26 kilometre port presents its own challenge to accessing the city.

The only safe, reliable and affordable option made available to serve the seafarers is our free shuttle service - which goes anywhere in the port.



## MAKING CONNECTIONS

During regular ship visits, we ensure that seafarers are able to purchase SIM cards which they can use in and out of port to connect with friends and family.





## HOME AWAY FROM HOME

Through our partnership with Mariners' House, we invite seafarers to the Seafarers' Centre where they can purchase necessities, enjoy recreational activities, receive the care they need, attend a chapel service, visit with others and rest.



## WARM CLOTHING

With many seafarers arriving directly from warmer countries, lack of warm clothing can often be the only reason they are not able to take shore leave.

Through donations of gently used warm clothing, we are able to offer items on loan or to keep - to help the seafarers stay in good health and good spirits.



## JUSTICE & ADVOCACY

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We access justice and advocacy avenues on behalf of seafarers when they need their voices to be heard or when we can connect them to persons or services who can assist them with their needs.

In May 2022 we hosted a gathering for displaced Ukrainian seafarers to meet local industry personnel.



# ENCOURAGEMENT

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"Thank you...for your assistance in this matter.  
I spoke to [the Ukrainian seafarer] this morning and he will send his CV this afternoon which I will forward by the end of day. Again, many thanks!

"Seaman's Mission is in CC, since it was their initiative to assist Ukrainian Seafarers. And we do it together with them."

– David Kundadze, Agent at Robert Reford,  
communicating with a company working in the Port of Montreal.  
The seafarer was hired within days.



## COVID-19 VACCINATIONS

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By the end of 2022, we had facilitated 1698 vaccinations for seafarers to help improve their chances of shore leave and to reduce their quarantine requirements during crew changes.



# SHOPPING FOR SEAFARERS

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This seafarer asked Chaplain Michelle if she could find the Titanic Lego set for him, because he had been searching for it for a long time. She made the purchase and delivered it to the ship. After 30+ hours of fun, the Titanic had been built! (Of course, next came his request for zippered bags so that he could transport his pieces home in an orderly fashion!)





## FREE SIM CARDS FOR UKRAINIAN SEAFARERS

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The crew of the MSC Maria Clara are mostly Ukrainian. We transported them on the day the war broke out. Their chief concern was communicating with their families.

In response, we launched an initiative to provide free SIM cards so Ukrainian seafarers could connect with loved ones around the world. Donors gave \$1775 towards this need.

# SEAFARERS' CENTRE

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We share office space with Mariners' House on the Grand Quai in the Old Port of Montreal.

In addition to housing our offices, Mariners' House also has the following amenities to serve seafarers:



# SERVICES AVAILABLE ON-SITE

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## **THE SEA CHEST**

Refreshments, toiletries, souvenirs, SIM cards, currency exchange



## **RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES**

Snooker and pool tables, foosball, table tennis, Karaoke



## **CHAPEL**

Evening prayers, Mass or other religious services as requested (i.e. blessing of the ship)



## **FREE STUFF**

Free transportation; free coffee; free lending library; free Bibles and literature; free winter clothes



## **EASY ACCESS TO THE CRUISE SHIP TERMINAL**

A stone's throw from the Iberville cruise ship terminal, enabling convenient access for crews





## BEING COMMUNITY

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Through our partnership with Mariners' House, we are able to provide a community space that is familiar and full of life.



## DECADES OF CONNECTION

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After 21 years, Chief Engineer Soumendu Sinha returned to Montreal. A cadet when he first visited, he remembered Chaplain Michelle visiting his ship and was happy to introduce his current cadet Vivek — to Montreal.



# 2022 HIGHLIGHTS



JANUARY

## VACCINATIONS

Happy mariners received their 2nd vaccination before heading home after 9 months on board. A jab meant they could travel directly to their dwellings instead of having to quarantine for 14 days after landing.



MARCH

## GIFT DELIVERIES

To mark occasions throughout the year, we deliver gifts to the seafarers to remind them that they matter and they are not forgotten.

## SEAFARERS' CREATIVITY

The chaplain enjoys the creativity of the crew on board the Quebec Express. Their nativity scenes are made out of recycled ship supplies.

FEBRUARY



## PREPARING EASTER GIFTS

Visiting students learn about the lives of seafarers and paint Easter eggs gifts for them.

APRIL



# 2022 HIGHLIGHTS



MAY

## INTERNATIONAL DAY OF THE SEAFARER

We pay tribute to the world's 1.5 million seafarers by acknowledging their contributions and delivering goodies on board.



JULY

## SUMMER INTERN

We've built relationships with several local organizations. We were happy to welcome Richard Harrison, a summer intern from Montreal Mission.

## CELEBRATING MILESTONES

We welcomed a new volunteer, Benjamin Ripley, to our team and celebrated his birthday shortly thereafter. Formerly, Benjamin worked in the Canadian Navy and so is very comfortable in a seafarers' environment.

JUNE



## SEAFARERS HAVE TALENT!

Seafarer Eugene proudly holds up a copy of our newsletter featuring his sketch work. Upon learning that our colleague's dog had died, he presented her with a beautiful likeness that touched her heart.

AUGUST





# 2022 HIGHLIGHTS



SEPTEMBER

## EDUCATION

Erin Burnett is writing a thesis on Women in Maritime Ministry. She came from the U.K. to spend 10 days shadowing our female chaplain and ship visiting.



NOVEMBER

## CHRISTMAS PARCEL CAMPAIGN

Thanks to our generous donors, we are able to deliver more than 1500 parcels to seafarers docking in the Port of Montreal during the Christmas season, each containing a QR code to a digital Bible.

## 3<sup>RD</sup> ANNUAL SEAWAY BIKE TOUR

Our third annual fundraiser welcomed 25 riders and raised \$12,175 towards our work. Our new Ukrainian friends came to volunteer at the lunch we provided afterwards.

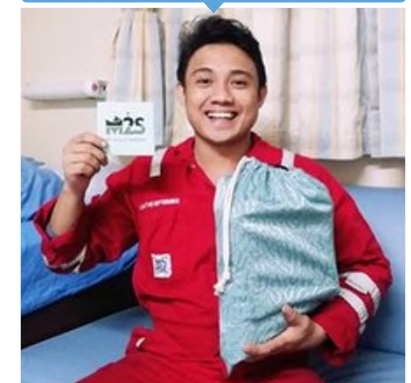
OCTOBER



## VOLUNTEERS!

Many wonderful people work behind the scenes to prepare for our Christmas campaign.

DECEMBER



## Happy Day of the Seafarer!

2022 Theme: *Your voyage - then and now, share your journey*

In honour of the day, we share with you some memories of *our* life's journeys!

### Chaplain Michelle



Recently my mom found a photo of me washing our family canoe when I was just a little girl. Little did I know how closely my life would be tied to boats and bodies of water!



I even married a seafarer and we spent our 10<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on a cruise. Clearly, I am happiest when I am near water and seafarers!

### Chaplain David



As a young boy I loved to help around the home. Here I am vacuuming.



I still love helping people today, especially seafarers! Recently I was able to deliver some books to a ship to help the crew pass the time during the long confinement of COVID-19.

# JUNE 25th INTERNATIONAL DAY OF THE SEAFARER

The theme in 2022 was *Your Voyage – Then and now, share your journey.*

To foster both a spirit of giving *and* receiving, when we delivered gifts to the crew, we also shared some of *our* stories with them.



# CHRISTMAS PARCELS

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Thanks to generous donors and volunteers, each seafarer docking in the Port of Montreal receives a personal parcel with a message of encouragement.

Parcels contain toiletries, snacks, leisure items and warm clothing like gloves or a tuque.





Willem Buwalda and Pieter Vanoudenaren picked up more than 400 Christmas parcels donated from churches east of Toronto. With the help of our volunteer, Justin, they transferred them to the Seafarers' Centre bus in Brockville for the final journey to Montreal.





We delivered 1592 gifts to 74 ships.

Donors contributed parcels or virtual parcels which our volunteers then shopped for and packed.

In particular, we wish to thank the *English Montreal School Board* and the *Catholic Women's League* for their boots-on-the-ground volunteer work during our crunch period.

2022

Campagne de dons de Noël

Christmas Parcel Drive

MERCI ! ~ THANK YOU!

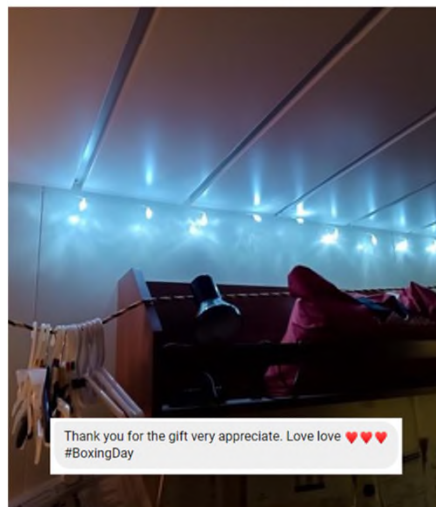


1592

Cadeaux virtuelles  
Virtual  
Parcels

\$4791

Lumières/Lights



Caméra



Action !



# MEMORABLE QUOTE

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Good day, dear Sirs ! The time is passing so quickly, one more year is going away.

My fair Lady "Redhead" was in Contrecoeur last year at the same time ( hope you remember ) and your good staff delivered to my crew the Christmas presents, what was made my crew very happy and thankful for your care.

My crew remember it and now they are like kids asking me, "Are they going to visit us again?" 😊

I cannot promise them your appearance but tell them I ask you about that.

I will be much appreciated if you will make my crew happy again !

Captain: Igor Razbitnov  
Master of the M/V REDHEAD



## STAYING CONNECTED

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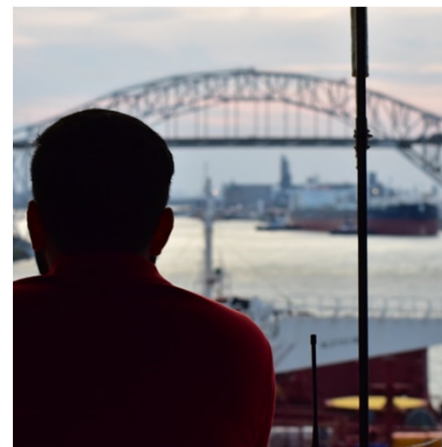
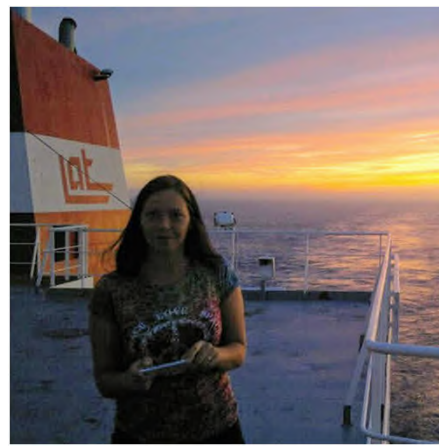
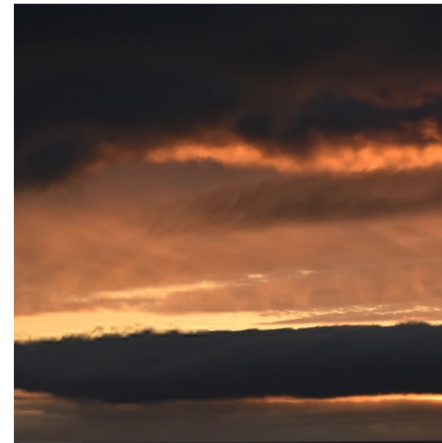
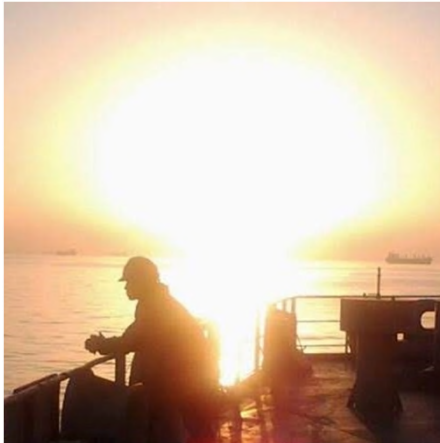
**#WhatISeeAtSea**

Our hashtag groups beautiful photos taken by seafarers so we can share them with our online community. This increases the visibility of seafarers.



# #WHATISEEATSEA

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## ENGAGING OUR COMMUNITY

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We work to bring visibility to the value and presence of seafarers in our city through engagement with the shipping industry and educating our wider Montreal community.

# COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT HIGHLIGHTS

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## **ANNUAL SEAWAY BIKE TOUR FUNDRAISER**

27 cyclists rode distances of 12, 25, 50 or 100 KM for a collective 1322 KM along the seaway and raised \$12,175



## **TODAY FOR SEAFARERS DEVOTIONAL**

We created and printed a third devotional volume which Seafarers' centres in Canada and the USA distribute widely



## **CHRISTMAS PARCEL CAMPAIGN**

Many churches, individuals and groups sewed beautiful bags, donated parcels and volunteered their time



## **EDUCATIONAL TOURS**

We welcomed three different school groups for an educational tour of the port. Groups responded by creating crafts for the seafarers or volunteering time to prepare for the Christmas parcel campaign.



## **CANADIAN NATIONAL SEAFARERS' WELFARE BOARD**

We have a seat on this advisory board to the Canadian government on issues related to the welfare of seafarers





## 3<sup>rd</sup> ANNUAL SEAWAY BIKE TOUR FUNDRAISER

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20 riders

7 virtual riders

12, 25, 50 and  
100 KM distances

\$12,174 raised



# TODAY for Seafarers DEVOTIONAL

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10,000 devotionals  
printed and shipped to:

- *Ministry to Seafarers (Vancouver, BC)*
- *Canaveral Port Ministry (FL)*
- *Seafarers International House (CT, MD, NJ, NY, PA)*





# PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

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## **NAMMA ANNUAL CONFERENCE**

*Finding Our Balance In Seafarers' Welfare*



## **CHAPLAIN TRAINING**

Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE) courses



## **TRAUMA-INFORMED YOGA THERAPY**

Increasing awareness of how trauma affects our physical bodies



## **BOOKS, BOOKS, BOOKS!**

Our staff are enthusiastic readers and keep abreast of news and new developments.

# LIFEBOAT Monthly Prayer Guide

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Available on the ECHO Prayer App  
or via a monthly email. There are  
seven requests each month, one  
for each day of the week.

## Follow & Pray

Download the Echo Prayer app to start following this prayer feed.



# STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS

for year ended December 31

	2022	2021
REVENUE		
Church support	55,000	55,000
Donations	81,938	78,035
Investment income	54,039	71,888
Designated funds	1,492	8,946
Undesignated funds	21,265	13,050
Other income	3,812	7,282
Amortization of deferred capital contributions	1,962	2,802
	\$219,508	\$237,003

# STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS

for year ended December 31

	2022	2021
EXPENDITURES		
Salaries, benefits and housing	164,320	163,475
Seafarer programs	14,124	16,107
Vehicle Operating	11,136	8,812
Office	7,563	6,972
Mariners House Support	5,125	5,125
Professional Fees	4,885	4,932
Investment Counsel Fees	4,253	4,253
Amortization	2,931	4,164
Professional Development	2,245	2,736
Telephone	2,042	2,094
Bank Charges	766	1,806
Insurance	1,566	1,622
Intern Expenses	-	76
Volunteer Expenses	435	-
Travel & Committee	242	-
	\$221,633	\$222,174

# CHANGES IN NET ASSETS

for year ended December 31

	2022	2021
NET REVENUE (EXPENDITURES)	(2,125)	14,829
NET ASSETS - BEGINNING OF YEAR	1,061,084	1,046,255
NET ASSETS - END OF YEAR	\$1,058,959	\$1,061,084



# CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP SERVICES

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We encourage our supporters to use the services of CSS to steward their resources with a Kingdom mindset.



# THANK YOU TO OUR FUNDING ORGANIZATIONS

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**BUITELAAR WORLD CHRISTIAN EDUCATION FUND**

**FK MORROW FOUNDATION**

**THE MANTLE FOUNDATION**

**MARANATHA FOUNDATION**

**NORTH AMERICAN MARITIME MINISTRY ASSOCIATION**

**YVES & GLADYS CHENG FOUNDATION 2**

**(Some foundations requested not to be named and do not appear here.)**

# THANK YOU TO OUR VOLUNTEERS

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Serving at  
the Centre

EMMANUEL CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

ENGLISH MONTREAL SCHOOL BOARD  
(Professional Sales Adult Education  
Students)

QUINTE CHRISTIAN HIGH SCHOOL

WESTSIDE GATHERING

ANGELA, KATE & ROMAN KUZINA

ASHA, KIRAN, MICAELA &  
ROSHAN FRANCIS

BENJAMIN RIPLEY

DANIEL GIRARD

HARRY XU

JUSTIN SAURO

KIM MARKS

ROB WHITLEY

SHEILA MARGERRISON

VADYM SOROKIN



Supplying  
Our Needs

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE

CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH

DISARM THE DARK

ONTARIO FLOWER GROWERS

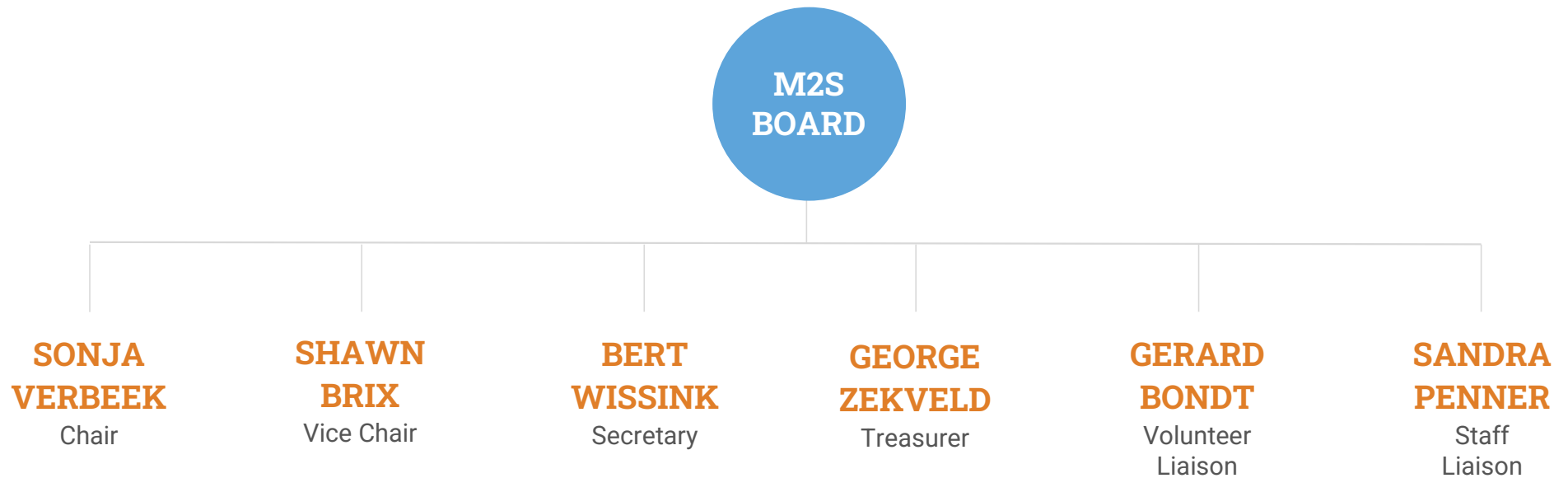
PAUL HARMAN

SIERRA FLOWER TRADING

Plus many unnamed mobilizers,  
needle workers and knitters.

# THANK YOU TO OUR 2022 BOARD

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# THANK YOU TO OUR 2022 STAFF AND INTERN

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**MICHELLE  
DEPOOTER**

Lead Chaplain



**DAVID  
ROZEBOOM**

Chaplain



**PATTY  
SARAZEN**

Administrator &  
Volunteer Coordinator



**RICHARD  
HARRISON**

Summer Intern



## IN MEMORIAM

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Hester Bondt volunteered at the Seafarers' Centre for several years with her husband, Gerard. She had a gentle way with seafarers and was easy to talk to.

We also benefitted from her artistic touch which we deeply admired.

Goals are accomplished when people work together towards a common good. On one memorable evening, Hester was part of the team that hosted a Seafarer Rest & Relaxation Evening which was a hit with many seafarers.



Hester Bondt



## IN MEMORIAM

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Our work is not possible without the generous financial donations of individuals, churches, foundations, businesses and organizations.

We are also grateful to be able to work so closely with Mariners' House of Montreal and Stella Maris to serve seafarers in our wonderful city.



Ministry to Seafarers

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