



March 10, 2005

Greetings,

I am writing to you on behalf of the Port Ministries International Executive Committee. This is just a friendly reminder that it is time to pay dues! We have been working very hard since our last annual meeting in New Orleans, LA. It is our goal to make Port Ministries International a resource for you year round, rather than just an annual conference. We are happy to share with you some of the progress that has been made this year.

First, let me remind you that the PMI website is up and running. This site is designed to help promote port ministries in general, to encourage communications between active ministries, and to help seafarers locate chaplains in the ports they visit. Along with the web site, each member is entitled to a free email address (pop3 and/or web based). This will help us communicate with each other more effectively. These addresses have a standardized format to make it easier for seafarers and others to contact individual port ministers. The email address has the following form: *yourname@PMInet.net*. Each member ministry may also have a "page" on the site giving more information about the individual ministries. This page includes individual contact information and a link to any site you may currently be using. To have your page set up on the site, or for help with your email, please contact Ted Mall (tedmall@pminet.net) or Philip Vandercook (philip@pminet.net).

Second, Jared Walley has been doing a great job with our newsletter. Since it is being sent out electronically, we have been able to expand it and add pictures. The newsletter contains news about what God is doing in our various ministries, prayer requests, updates on chaplains and their families, and news about upcoming meetings and events. You can help Jared by sending him information about what is going on with your ministry. If you are not receiving the newsletter, please let Jared know. He can be reached at jared@pminet.net or (504) 329-0083.

Third, final touches are being put on plans for our annual meeting in Orlando, FL. The dates are **July 24-26, 2005**. We will be staying at the Clarion Hotel with a rate of \$65.00 per night. The registration fee is \$35.00 if **postmarked by June 15, 2005**. After that date the registration fee will be \$50.00. The host committee will be sending more information about registration, schedule, and program events.

Fourth, we are continuing to find new resources for ministry. Many useful resources are now available to you at www.mallpublishing.com. Members of PMI are entitled to discounts on these items.

Fifth, work continues on the non-profit status for Port Ministries International. Jerry Key has been working very hard to have this done before our next meeting. We are now registered as a non-profit corporation in the state of Florida. Work continues on our 501(c)3 application with the Internal Revenue Service.

Finally, we are working to help PMI to grow. An updated mailing list is being put together to make sure that everyone receives this important information. We are working to include all active port ministers, retired port ministers, and others who should be a part of this great organization! If you know of someone who needs to be a member, please send me his or her address. We also ask that you share this information with your co-workers and volunteers. I think you will agree that this is exciting news. Again, we want you to be actively involved in this organization. For it to be successful, we need your help!

The membership dues for 2005 are \$50.00. Again, your dues will entitle you to a free email address and each represented ministry to a page on the web site. You will also receive discounts from Mall Publishing. Additionally, membership will give you a voice and a vote in the business of PMI. **We respectfully ask that you pay your dues even if you cannot attend the annual meeting.**

Please take time to fill out the enclosed form, making sure that we have all of your current information. We ask that you return this form, along with a check for your dues, as soon as possible. This will help us to update our mailing list, email addresses, and web pages.

Thank you for your cooperation! We are excited about what God can do as we work together to minister in our ports.

Sincerely,



Rev. Philip Vandercook
Treasurer



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First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

Preferred Mailing Address: _____
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Center Name & Address: _____
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Home Address: _____
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Home Phone: _____

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Fax Number: _____

Mobile Phone: _____

E-Mail Address: _____

Ministry Web Site: _____

Birthday: _____

PMI email address preference: _____@PMInet.net
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Annual Dues - \$50.00 **Check Number:** _____

Please make checks payable to PORT MINISTRIES INTERNATIONAL.

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