



Position announcement: CHAPLAIN, PORT NEWARK

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The **Port Newark Chaplain** provides direct pastoral care to seafarers via ship visits, van transportation and site hospitality; mentors interns; and coordinates tri-state church relations outreach. This full-time position for an ordained minister reports to SCI's Port Newark Center Director.

In particular, the Port Newark Chaplain:

- Visits ships, tugs and other port vessels to provide pastoral care, spiritual/humanitarian support, worship upon request, telecommunications support, and transportation of seafarers to SCI's hospitality center and nearby shopping venues
- Mentors chaplain and community service interns, field education students, and volunteer ship visitors
- Subscribes to ongoing ministry protocols, including Critical Incidence Stress Management (CISM), crisis response, suicide prevention outreach, and consultation with SCI's Center for Seafarers' Rights (CSR) in suspected cases of seafarer maltreatment
- Collaborates with Port Newark's Center Director and CSR to maintain strong ties with port officials, US Coast Guard, terminal officials and security staff regarding SCI access to ships, seafarer shore leave, and SCI's presence in the greater port community
- Represents SCI upon request at tri-state maritime industry events
- Participates in regular SCI church or seminary outreach visits, and champions SCI's Mariner Friendly Church initiative with related recruitment of volunteers and potential donors
- Uses social media platforms to connect SCI with seafarers, donors and churches in consultation with SCI's Communications Director
- Liaises with SCI's Christmas at Sea program regarding the distribution of holiday gifts to seafarers
- Serves as adjunct member of SCI's development team to expand SCI's presence in the port community and to cultivate maritime or church financial support

The ideal candidate brings outstanding pastoral experience, ecclesiastical relationships and team collaboration to this position. He/She must be able to travel and work such hours as to cover occasional pastoral crises, church visits, and other assignments, including occasional evenings and weekends. He or she must possess a valid driver's license and Transportation Worker Identity Credential (TWIC) for which SCI pays associated fee. The successful candidate also must be able to climb and descend ship gangways, and lift and carry up to 50lbs. Advanced Clinical Pastoral Education, military, maritime or hospital chaplaincy provides a definite credential, as does experience in the maritime industry. Previous non-profit or fundraising experience a plus.

Interested candidates should submit an application including:

1. a resume;
2. contact information for three references;
3. written text or audio link of a sermon recently preached; and
4. copy of an additional recent writing sample

Please send to: humanresources@seamenschurch.org or call **+1 (973) 204-2774**.

Salary and benefits are commensurate with experience.