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farers. Two years later, we visited over 16,000. This growth can be attributed to (i) the increase in the number of port chaplains, (ii) our discovery that no one else is visiting ships in the evenings and on weekends in the Port of NY/NJ and (iii) the deep commitment we have to serve the least, the last, and the lost. When I arrived, we had a total of six cell phones to loan out to seafarers who needed to call home. Today, we have 16 cell phones and 5 Wifi connections to offer to seafarers. This means that, at a given moment, over 40 seafarers can communicate with their loved ones back home, thanks to our port mission and the persons and entities that support it.

In the past three years I have witnessed a significant growth in our ability to address the needs of seafarers and sojourners alike, who otherwise can rely on few others. In 1873 this unique ministry was founded to meet the needs of people crossing the sea, who were cut-off from their families and communities; and this unique ministry continues today with renewed vigor. Last year we welcomed and nurtured 12 asylum seekers. Our new, social work post-

graduate student intern has expanded our resources to help these new immigrants (refugees from persecution and torture abroad) to find the new homes, education, jobs and opportunities that our fore-fathers and mothers sought and found years ago. It's an American tradition!

Through this intern, our mission has collaborated with Seafarers International Union, Snug Harbor Fund, and other resources to help more United States seafarers to secure disability, social security, housing, retirement and death benefits. This past year alone we helped three seafarers, virtually without next of kin, to transition from this life on earth to the next.

The fact that we have not only maintained, but have grown in our outreach, is a real blessing — especially since the most of the world has gone through one of the most severe recessions in recent history. Our guesthouse occupancy went up 3% in 2010 despite this recession. This alone is crucial, since we rely on our guesthouse revenue to fund a large part of our mission programs and services. We also rely on individual and corporate donations for our ministry, and I thank each of you (listed on the following pages) for your support.

I've been serving as Pastor and Executive Director of Seafarers & International House for three years – just time enough to take a little look back and evaluate.

When I arrived, we had two full-time and two half-time port chaplains. This past year we've had two full-time and six half-time port chaplains, as well as two CPE student interns, and we've expanded to Philadelphia and southern New Jersey. In 2008, when I began, we were calling on 800 ships per year. Now we call on over 1,500 per year. In 2008, we visited 10,000 sea-

	2010	2009
Revenues	\$2,289,069	\$2,101,657
Program Services	1,847,453	1,660,110
Support Services	391,229	367,333
Change in Net Assets from Operations	50,387	74,214
Unrestricted Assets	3,358,862	2,986,708
Restricted Assets	820,517	748,028
Liabilities	288,407	748,028
Net Worth	3,890,972	3,734,736

Seafarers & International House's financial statements are audited by Tait, Weller & Baker, certified public accountants, Philadelphia, PA. A copy of the complete financial statements and the auditor's report are available upon request.

FINANCIALS

PORT MISSION



In 2010, Seafarers & International House had a staff of eight port chaplains and a fleet of five vans to serve seafarers in ports and terminals in Connecticut, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania and Rhode Island. It has been a good year for our port mission.

The biggest challenge confronting the seafarers our port chaplains meet – even greater than the recession and piracy – are the sweeping limitations on shore access imposed by Homeland Security. These limitations are neither particularly effective nor do they well reflect the core values of the United States.

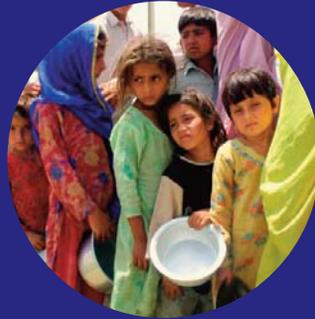
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	2010	2009
Ships Visited	1,517	1,041
Seafarers Served	16,121	14,400
Van Trips Provided	2,109	1,313
Christmas-at-Sea Gifts	5,750	5,870



SOJOURNER MISSION



Three years ago, Seafarers & International House began its mission to refugees and asylum seekers. In 2010, this new mission grew, enabling us to provide accommodations and participate in the acculturation and resettlement of a dozen persons.

Asylum seekers present themselves to immigration authorities immediately upon arrival and are then shackled and imprisoned for many months in a dark warehouse, used as a detention center and located, ironically, in the shadow of the Statue of Liberty.



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	2010	2009
Guestroom Accommodations		
Refugees-Asylum Seekers	300	92
Domestic Violence Victims	36	58
Local Disaster Victims	117	155
Total Occupancy Percentage	78%	75%



GOOD NEIGHBOR



In addition to serving as a resource for our mission to seafarers and sojourners, our guesthouse facilitates the missions of church and community groups. In turn, their patronage funds part of our mission programs and services.

Offering hospitality to youth groups, in particular, is very rewarding. Many of these young folks have never been exposed to the excitement and vitality of a mega-city. And many have not had the opportunity to work in soup kitchens or other volunteer service projects. It's generally an eye-opening experience.



2010 2009

Youth Service Gatherings	9	3
Church Business Gatherings		144
Community Gatherings		35
Total Gatherings		517



LOOKING AHEAD



Where will Seafarers & International House be at the end of 2011?

First, our port mission will continue to grow, utilizing port chaplains and vans equipped to meet the needs of the seafarers, wherever and whenever their ships arrive. Discussions are now underway to add a port chaplain to our staff to serve in Baltimore, MD.

Second, our sojourner mission will grow with our new social worker intern resource. More asylum seekers will be offered accommodations and help with acculturation and settlement. More seafarers will be assisted with retirement and benefit issues.

Third, our guesthouse will grow as a gathering place for Lutheran and other denominations, allowing them to grow in faith and mission in New York City and the picturesque community of Union Square Park.



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