

**Report to Classis Quinte
January 2022
Chaplain Michelle DePooter**

Happy New Year!

Thank you to everyone who participated in our Christmas parcel campaign. The seafarers are always happy to receive Christmas gifts and see that others care about them, especially during this time when they are not always allowed ashore. We are on track to give out 1500 gifts again.



One of the first ships to receive Christmas gifts this year.

The captain, chief officer, 2nd officer and bosun from the M.V. Glasgow Express receiving Christmas parcels. The crew from this ship are from Germany and the Philippines. They will be signing off their ship and going home in January.

The vaccination campaign continues for seafarers. We have assisted over 900 crew members receive their vaccines – either both doses or missing second or booster doses. As you may imagine, seafarers have received vaccines such as Covaxin, Sputnik, or Sinovac which are not available in Canada, and they ask us whether they can receive booster shots for these vaccines. We are thankful for the great relationship with the medical team at the clinic here who have patiently answered our questions and made sure that seafarers have been taken care of. We expect that the vaccination campaign will continue well into the new year as booster shots become available for all ages in response to the Omicron variant.

In the summer we were able to bring medical teams into the port several times and vaccinate



seafarers closer to their ships.

Thank you for your continued support!