



Melvin D. Adams III, Ed.D Joins Mission as New Downeast Director

CHERRYFIELD, ME -- His background, professional preparation, heart, and commitment to the people and communities of Downeast Maine earned Melvin D. Adams III, Ed.D the position of Maine Seacoast Mission's new Downeast Director.

Mission President John Zavodny, after thorough review of several highly qualified Downeast Director candidates, said, "Mel's background and professional preparation touches on all aspects of the Mission's work in Downeast Maine: education, youth development, food security, community building and multi-generational family engagement. But it was really his heart and obvious commitment to the Downeast Maine people and communities that made Mel the

clear choice,” Zavodny said.

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In December 2019, Douglas Cornman shares a Merry Christmas with a young man on a Maine island.

Christmas Around the Mission

NORTHEAST HARBOR, ME -- Our signature Christmas Program for 2020, launched last month, is still in full swing. Your help with presents under trees for individuals and families who can't do it alone is needed and welcome. For convenience we have a [Mission Christmas List](#) through Amazon. Traditionalists have the option of mailing gifts and cards by USPS or UPS. [Follow this link](#) for full details.

For families in rural towns we serve, the Mission is hosting a virtual Elves Workshop through Dec 19. It's an opportunity for families needing extra help with gifts for their children to actually choose their own gifts. We also have a personal elf shopper for eligible families to meet with virtually.

Finally, Island Outreach Director and Chaplain Douglas Cornman is extra busy these days working as liaison between the Mission Christmas Program and island communities, including Mount Desert Island and the unbridged islands. “The Mission’s Christmas Program is meant to be more than just handing out gifts - mittens and toys for the kids, and puzzle books and lap blankets to the elders. It’s also about carrying on a century old Christmas tradition. Mission gifts symbolize our care for the folks who are really the essence of the islands,” Douglas added.

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Mission Announces Honorees for 2021 Sunbeam Award Gala

NORTHEAST HARBOR, ME -- Maine Seacoast Mission President John Zavodny has announced the two honorees for the next summer’s Sunbeam Award Gala: Sigma Kappa and Acadia Senior College. The Mission’s Sunbeam Award Gala is its centerpiece fundraising event, built around recognizing those who embody the ideals of community.

President Zavodny said the values and accomplishments of these two inspiring organizations are clear examples of actions and spirit that make communities strong. Maine Seacoast Mission is honored to celebrate these two organizations’ contributions.

For more information about the event, scheduled for August 12, 2021, please contact Anna Silver at 207.801.6011 or asilver@seacoastmission.org.



Spring River Lake is a special place for Family Center Food Security Programs Coordinator Stephanie Moores.

Mission People & Places - Stephanie Moores

CHERRYFIELD, ME -- I have been with the Mission eight months as Family Food Center Food Security Programs Coordinator. Spring River Lake holds a special place in my heart. It is our go-to place in the summer. There is no cell service or WiFi. The beauty surrounding us is breathtaking. It can be a brief visit for a dip in the pond and watching the sunset, or a long day complete with refreshments, frog catching, and reading a good book.

Spring River is where I go to relax and unwind. It is where we have made many family memories. It is where we taught our children to swim, where we have had important conversations, and where we drive to when it has been an overly long and hot day. The laughter and smiles from my children only add to the beauty of nature that surrounds us there.

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Island Health Services Director Sharon Daley, RN and Island Outreach Director & Chaplain Douglas Cornman enroute to an island from the Sunbeam.

Reinventing Island Health Services

NORTHEAST HARBOR, ME -- With the *Sunbeam* reactivated, Director of Island Health Services Sharon Daley, RN is figuring out how best to do her work, providing medical services among island communities. Working under Centers for Disease Control (CDC) Covid-19 restrictions and guidelines means reinventing how Sharon performs her *Sunbeam* work.

"It feels great being back on the water," Sharon says, "But it's hard. We can't let anybody on the boat and everybody wants to come see. People tell us it's hopeful just seeing the boat there. And that feels good. Everybody wants it to be normal." For now, normal includes a self-isolating *Sunbeam* crew always wearing masks, eating their meals at separate tables.

"If there is a medical problem and I need to use the *Sunbeam's* telemedicine equipment, then the person does come on the boat. There's a whole protocol everybody has to follow. Everybody has to have masks. They walk onto the boat directly back to my telemedicine room. That's where I see them. When they're done they leave directly out the door," Sharon explains.

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Thanks to you, the Mission nimbly adapted when Covid-19 struck. But the pandemic's disruptions are far from over. And winter makes hard times harder still. The Mission will be there, as it has since 1905, helping sustain and strengthen families and communities. Won't you please join us as we reach out a helping hand?

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