

Press Release

The Apostleship of the Sea



Speakers House Holds Charity Event for Apostleship of the Sea.

The Apostleship of the Sea and the House of Commons team up in an event to celebrate the valuable work of the charity, raise awareness and contributions to their work.

The Apostleship of the Sea was given the privileged opportunity to host an event at Speakers House in the House of Commons. This kindness was granted by Mr Speaker, the Right Honourable Michael Martin. The aim of the event was to raise awareness of the valuable work of Apostleship of the Sea, to make new corporate ties and to raise funds to continue the work.

Mr Martin himself is a great supporter of the Apostleship of the Sea and is grateful for the assistance given to his father by Apostleship of the Sea when, as a merchant seaman stoker, he was stranded in Canada with an injured hand during the years of the Great Depression. After an emotional speech by Mr Martin the guests enjoyed an evening of networking. Other influential guests who attended the reception included Lord Hylton and Lord John Patten, the Irish Ambassador and several other high profile supporters of the charity.

Apostleship of the Sea is a maritime welfare charity, providing vital practical and pastoral support to seafarers. The work of Apostleship of the Sea is funded wholly by voluntary contributions. For more information about Apostleship of the Sea call 07712864747.



Mr Speaker with Chairman of Trustees Eamonn Delaney

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Further information for Editors

The Apostleship of the Sea, AOS, is a maritime welfare charity, providing practical and pastoral support to seafarers, regardless of race, colour or creed (if any).

Ninety percent of world trade is carried by ship, and some 100,000 seafarers visit British ports each year. They are commonly away from home for nine to 12 months at a time, suffering loneliness, depression and even exploitation. They also have to work in gruelling and often dangerous conditions. AOS chaplains and ship visitors welcome seafarers to our shores. They recognise them as brothers with an intrinsic human dignity which can be overlooked in the modern globalised maritime industry. For more information visit www.apostleshipofthesea.org.uk

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