

"Boat Grant" Application Finally Bears Fruit for Ocean Church Maryland

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Our new MD Ocean church boat at dock side in Bayonne New York one month ago.

Tomorrow at Melford with the boat parked at the door on a trailer, we will have a Blessing of the True World Marine 28 Boat.

Finally, after so many years, ***Maryland Ocean Church begins. In the parking lot*** right pulled up next to the front door!

Red Ribbon cutting. Reading of Father's words. Prayer.

PLEASE JOIN US FOR THE BOAT DEDICATION
IN THE MELFORD PARKING LOT, IMMEDIATELY AFTER CHURCH
SUNDAY 11:30 AM
SEPTEMBER 6, 2015

After church at around 11:15 or 11:30am please be the guests of Pastor Andrew and myself! We will "Bless and Pray" over the boat in a special ceremony. This is the opening and official launch of ***Maryland and D-1 Ocean Church***, a project many years in the making. VIPS Dr Michael Jenkins Dir of Business Ops, Tom McDevitt Chair Washington Times, Ernest Patton D-1 Pastor, Baltimore and DC pastors James Stewart & Zagary Oliver and Dr Joo senior elder statesman *have all been invited.*

Interesting - Reflecting back -In reality, this has been a 10 year foundation building effort. Father always talked about "building a foundation". Now we know more clearly why! The roots of the Ocean Church ministry stretch back more than a decade, to where we convinced Rev Francis to donate the old 16' Go Boat, to the care of the Church Boy Scout Troop. (Which he happily did) It was used to good affect. Rev Francis was super supportive.

This Sunday is the final culmination of my last year's "***A Boat for Maryland Church ~ Grant Proposal - for \$25,000***" which I submitted in the National Church Council's grant writing contest.. That was August last year during the grant process. Supported by then Pastor Millhan who was lead pastor at the time. Ironically, the grant proposal was initially.... *not accepted!*

It was delayed a while, but eventually Dr Jenkins stepped in, easily had the wisdom and vision to see the potential. Ocean Church in Maryland [***and Va and DC***] could finally happen. Even so, the final acquisition of the boat took a tremendous number of twists and turns- but its finally here. [and btw, *With the heart of servants ...and helping you and all members and guests utilize Ocean Church.* We want to really emphasize the humbly "serve every one" component. Hopefully touching or serving ***all*** members eventually, and even more importantly, your guests, your new friends and your new contacts. First and foremost; a ministry that demonstrates the Founder's heart and love for others. EAMPLE! We've just discovered one new member's otherwise little hard to reach husbandis an ardent Chesapeake Bay fisherman! AHA!



The boat out of water at the Ocean Church facility in Little Ferry NJ before arriving in MD last week. Wow , what a boat! With Jim Parrish and "Manny" a Ocean Church NJ volunteer.

So, Dr Jenkins, having the authority over such assets, ultimately green lighted it. Thanks to you Dr Jenkins so much. This boat is one of the top quality and condition boats in the church's inventory. A Mercedes of Boats. Together with the invaluable effort and work of dear brother Jim Parrish. Jim's selfless enthusiasm, willing heart and hard work. He's been my alter -ego and partner every step of the way this summer's final steps. . We should all be super grateful to him for his enthusiasm and hard work.



Receiving the boat so graciously donated to MD from 1800 couple Ocean Church Director, Kensaku Tahkahashi who had just completed a \$20,000 refit of : outdrive , belts, engine etc. They made a huge sacrifice to offer this boat to MD and D-1 and the Wash Times guests etc . We are hugely in their debt. Thank you!

As to me - to reflect a moment ---well, phew ! I feel very vindicated, happy and liberated we could take this step. Finally we could secure this for Maryland members to use **building our church**. Ten years , really, amazingly enough. (We've had 4 or 5 donated (sub-par, LOL ...) boats in the interim used by the church a little bit and the scouts.). But nothing really adequate. Acquisition of this one, wonderful boat, a true gem of a vessel, ostensibly closes the "formation stage" of building. I believe this is actually then, the beginning of the "growth stage" era this fall. It could grow and expand strongly from here. Now many of us can see the potential for even 3 or 4 boats and 100's and 100's, even 1000's of students, guests, ministers politicians and new members and trained new captains on the boats in years to come . All

possible and all attainable. Now do-able. Why not? Father would be happy.

Please join us tomorrow for the dedication.

We will have a number of sign-ups, get involved, learn to fish, train to be a boat Captain opportunities coming up. Please sign the sheet tomorrow or speak to Jim Parrish, Ezera Karimi, or myself. Lastly, again thanks to all who in any way helped lay the foundation over the years for us to get to this point.

To success in Father's Tradition,

Jim Boothby
Assoc pastor



Jim Parrish and Kensaku Takahashi in our Ocean Church boat outside NYC during the 4th of July week. We weren't out 15 minutes before we were stopped by the Coast Guard and harbor patrol for a standard papers, safety and terrorism check. We passed!