



# CHAPLAINCY MESSENGER

For: All Hospital Chaplains, Chaplaincy Assistants, LSP and Trust Board Members

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## Chaplaincy Commissionings



Rev Mele Tavelia (left) was commissioned on 17 March in the Chapel at Auckland City Hospital.

Rev Wally Te Ua (right) was inducted on 25 February in the Chapel at Gisborne Hospital.



## ICHC Executive Committee Update

At its meeting on the 27 March the ICHC Executive Committee:-

- Approved recommendations from the Stipend Review Group to:
  1. increase the ICHC Hospital Chaplains Common Stipend and Accreditation allowance by 3.3%.
  2. increase the Ministry Enhancement Allowance by 3.2% in line with the CPI for the year to Dec 2007.
  3. adjust Housing Allowances.Full details of these new rates to apply from 1 July will be issued later in April.
- Discussed a new draft paper on a Long Service Leave option. It is intended to put this in a form which will be circulated to LSP committees and chaplains by the end of June, in time for consideration and discussion by chaplains at the NZHCA conference in August and at the LSP Chairpersons meeting with the ICHC Trust Board in October.
- Conducted a lengthy discussion on the funding challenges facing the ICHC and its National Office.
- Agreed to Ministry of Health request to undertake a “developmental Audit” of the ICHC Chaplaincy Service.
- Confirmed “Hospital Chaplaincy Week ” will be held from Monday 22 to Sunday 28 September 2008. The decision on finalising arrangements for a national funding Appeal during that week was deferred. Once it is known that corporate donors are available to fund the cost of an Appeal in 2008 a decision will be made to proceed. If you know of contacts in companies who could be approached to assist as corporate donors please let us know ASAP. It was noted that in 2007 42% of the donations came from donors not using the envelopes supplied to churches so it would be a shame to miss out on such a large amount of income.
- Thanked Tay Wilson for his many years of service as accountant for the ICHC and treasurer to the Trust Board. Tay was invited to attend the full board meeting in October so that all members can have an opportunity to thank him.
- Appointed and welcomed Hugh Lopdell to the position of accountant and treasurer.

## Chaplaincy Resources

MissionNZ a Catholic Society based in Wellington has produced a little blue booklet "Prayers and Reflections" based on a similar booklet used in Dublin. It contains short prayers, blessings, reassurance etc. While most of these will find ready acceptance by people of all faiths and none, the theology of several is strongly Catholic. At least one of our Catholic chaplains has found it very suitable for distribution to patients of all hues who are sick and his LSP has bought 100 copies. Copies are available at \$25 per 50 copies from Fr Paul Shannahan, P.O.Box 12322, Wellington 6144, or phone 04 472 2210 or [pmsnz@xtra.co.nz](mailto:pmsnz@xtra.co.nz)

## Update on KiwiSaver implications for LSP's

Enclosed with this Messenger is advice given to our accountant by representatives of two of our partner churches (Anglican and Presbyterian) about how to treat Employer contributions to their pension schemes and the KiwiSaver scheme.

## Office Staff Movements in April

- National Executive Officer**  
7-9 April Chaplaincy Review in Dunedin Hospitals  
20 April Commissioning of Rev Ross Scott, Chaplain to Wellington and Wakefield Hospitals at St Andrews on the Terrace at 7pm  
24-27 April School of Theology "Other Faiths/Our Faith" an Interfaith exploration

To be arranged:

Meeting with the Minister of Health

### National Administrator / Trainer

- 1-6 April with Chaplains, LSP's and Hospital managements, Pihopatanga in Christchurch  
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To be arranged:

Team re-formation days at Auckland and Wellington



Ron Malpass  
National Executive Officer

## Chaplaincy Movements:

### Resignation

**Rev Joan McIntosh** Ecumenical Chaplain North Shore Hospital will retire at the end of June.

### Vacancies

- Ecumenical Chaplain **North Shore Hospital** (Full-time). Applications close Friday 2 May.  
Ecumenical Chaplain **Waitakere Hospital and Mason Clinic** (Full-time). Applications close Friday 2 May.  
Ecumenical Chaplain (to Pakeha) **Middlemore Hospital** (Full-time). Applications close Friday 2 May. The majority of patients served by this position are women.  
Ecumenical Chaplain at **Timaru Hospital** and the **Aged Care Homes and Hospitals** run by **Presbyterian Support** (Full-time). Applications close Friday 2 May.  
Ecumenical Chaplain (to Maori) **Palmerston North Hospital** (Part-time). Applications close Friday 2 May.

Some of these vacancies are being advertised a second time due to lack of applicants.

## We acted on too Quickly

Last months advice to you that Tay Wilson and Company was changing its name to Hugh Lopdell Accountants Ltd was too quickly passed on. As you will see in a letter enclosed with this Messenger, Hugh Lopdell has decided to continue trading under the name of Tay Wilson and Co until further notice. The web site will remain [www.taywilson.co.nz](http://www.taywilson.co.nz) and the email address for Diane Copson is [diane@taywilson.co.nz](mailto:diane@taywilson.co.nz)

### Thought for the month:

**"You can not wipe the tears from another's face without getting your own hands wet."** Zulu proverb