



CHAPLAINCY MESSENGER

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

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Annual Hospital Chaplaincy Week Appeal it's a Bloke !

The late decision in June to proceed with plans for the public appeal again this year has given little time for the preparation of visuals. However the week from Monday 22 to Sunday 28 September will include a poster and envelopes featuring a man alone. The short message leaves plenty of room for the use of the imagination. What has happened? The aim is to let each of us see ourselves in his place, or his partners? Posters, envelopes and a resource pack should reach you or your Church about the time next month's Chaplaincy Messenger comes out.

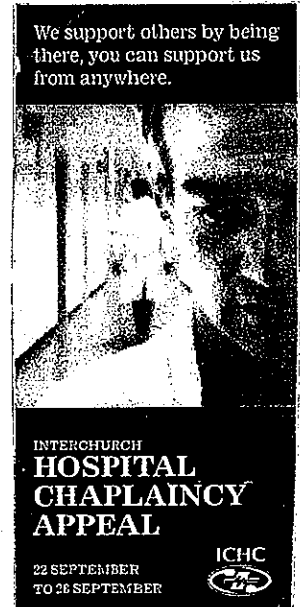
Funding Contract with the Ministry of Health

It has been a frustrating month since announcing the new contract last month. Managerial Staff changes in the Ministry of Health and a backlog of contracts being renewed, meant it was 30 July before we were given confirmation by the Ministry, that the agreement our Trust Board Executive Committee gave assent to on 12 June was confirmed and the funding approved. ICHC expects to receive the first payment under the new contract sometime in August. As we mentioned last month, there will be a new standard government subsidy payment for each full-time equivalent ecumenical position. A payment of \$25,000 p.a. for each full-time position (pro rata for smaller positions) has been approved with payments to LSP's commencing in October. This replaces the population-based payments and will result in an increase in funding to all but two chaplaincy teams. The government subsidy paid to the Catholic Bishops Conference towards the cost of its Hospital Chaplains will also increase in October by 19%.

The changes are not only about money. The new Code of Practice for Hospital Chaplains in the contract includes some changes in wording to try and address the continuing problem in some hospitals, of chaplains not receiving access to patient lists or being denied access to some wards, unless a patient has asked to see them. The new wording states "chaplains and chaplaincy assistants provide pastoral care and support by making regular visits to all hospital wards, outpatient departments, residential or community homes so that all patients and staff are aware of the service and can seek individual advice." The way chaplains find those who want to see them includes "through the list of people admitted to the hospital".

Has your LSP got a new name and a new Number ?

If your LSP has changed its name or become a **Trust** or **Incorporated Society** during the process of becoming a registered charity, could you please make sure to send us an email with your **new legal name** and also provide us with your Charities Commission registration number. Speaking of which, we received some enquiries from people who put our number into the Charities Commission's website search engine and was told it was invalid. I tried and got the same response. A telephone call to the Charities Commission elicited the advice the number should always be written as 2 capital C's followed without a gap by the numerals. Why didn't I know that ? Well anyway **CC21346** does get you into all the information on "The Interchurch Council for Hospital Chaplaincy".





North Shore Hospital Chaplaincy Team
 Sr Bernadette Cheyne, Rev Jacqui Cavit and Rev Michelle Shin. Taken at Jacqui's Commissioning at North Shore Hospital in July.

OOPs...we made a mistake

Item 4.1 on the first page of the booklet "Hospital Chaplains National Stipend and Allowances Effective 1 July 2008" states that Ministry Enhancement Allowance is \$2,000. This is wrong, it should be as it states on all the pages 3 to 13, **\$2064**. Thanks to those who have asked which of the two is correct.

Leave Forms

Please remember leave forms must be sent to the ICHC office once they have been approved and signed by the LSP chair or their delegated leave approver.

LSP Chairpersons meet with ICHC Trust Board 8 October

Wednesday 8 October is the day for the annual gathering this year. It will again be held in Wellington at the Undercroft at St Peters Anglican Church, corner of Willis Street and Ghuznee Streets. ICHC will reimburse traveling costs for the chairperson (or one representative of the LSP if the Chair is unable to attend). The programme will commence at 10am and finish at 4pm. Please make your bookings early by the cheapest available travel. A lot has happened in the past year so there will be much to discuss. The ICHC Trust Board members will continue to meet the following day. If you are the chairperson there should be a registration form in with this Messenger. Please complete it and send it to our office. We need this for catering and name tag purposes. Thanks.



Rev Kahu Durie QSM (left), Chaplain to Maori at Palmerston North Hospital, hands over the role to new Chaplain, Ellen Marsh, at the beginning of July.

Office Staff Movements in August—National Executive Officer

Interviews for new chaplains at Auckland Psychiatric and Rehabilitation Services and Porirua and Kenepuru Hospitals
National Administrator/Trainer

- 19 August Team building and re-formation with Timaru Chaplaincy team
- 20 & 21 Aug Team building and re-formation with Dunedin Chaplaincy team

Ron Malpass
 National Executive Officer

Thought for the month:

"Success is relative. It is what we make of the mess we have made of things."
 T S Eliot