



CHAPLAINCY MESSENGER

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

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Welcome to the first Chaplaincy Messenger for 2008. It seems that this year has started with a considerable amount of change taking place for a number of people. I trust that as many of you as possible were able to take the opportunity to have some leave in this long hot summer period we have been blessed with.

For ICHC this is a big year. There is a new Minister of Health for us to meet and our 3 yearly funding contract agreement with the Ministry of Health comes up for renewal from 1 July. We have started the process of discussions with the Ministry officials and are now also preparing the paperwork— facts and figures. It will be an interesting year. May we all journey well.



Two Hospital Chaplains receive New Year honours

Two of our Hospital Chaplains received Queens Service Medals (QSM's) in the New Year's honours list. The Rev Kahu Durie, Chaplain to Maori at Palmerston North Hospital, received this for services to Maori and the community and the Rev Ray Bloomfield, Chaplain at Rotorua Hospital and President of NZ Healthcare Chaplains' Association, received this for services to the community. We extend our congratulations to both of these worthy recipients.



Statistics and visit to new Minister of Health, the Hon David Cunliffe

The Minister has responded to an ICHC request for a meeting by advising that he appreciates the work that chaplains do in hospitals and he looks forward to meeting with representatives of the Board as soon as can be arranged. He has asked that we finalise a convenient date with his office. We had hoped that the statistics for the period to 30 December 2007 would have reached the Ministry of Health by the 20th of January so that this information would be available to the minister prior to our meeting. Unfortunately not all stats forms were in the office before 10th January, and the report was not able to be sent until the last week in January. We will not now be seeking to finalise a date with the Minister until sometime in February.

In December in an article entitled "Statistics meaning what?" concerns were raised about whether the statistics from Chaplains, Chaplaincy Assistants and Locums reflected the quality of the care given. Yes, in most cases we can tell when the quality of visitation changes. The reporting to the Ministry of Health reflects whether the ICHC is meeting the Service Specifications in the contract. Enclosed with this Messenger is an extract from the most recent report to the Ministry of Health, as an example of what the ICHC does with the information received each month.



Welcome to Doreen Hakeagaiki.

Doreen has been appointed to the position of Administrative Assistant in the ICHC office replacing Jan Jones. Doreen commenced on 22nd January and brings a wealth of office experience as well as being a parish minister's wife – her husband Tale was a Chaplain at Palmerston North Hospital before his appointment to the Congregational Church in Wellington City. Doreen will normally be in the office Tuesday to Friday each week.

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Chaplaincy Appeal

\$87,602 had been received by the end of the year. Disbursements were made to LSP's and the Hospital Chaplaincy Foundation early in January. To enable our advisors to assess the overall success of last year's Appeal Week promotion could LSP Treasurers please let us know the amounts raised locally as a result of the Appeal Week promotion or your own local publicity or fund raising initiatives

Gisborne Earthquake

The earthquake struck as the Chaplaincy organized Christmas Carol singing around the wards was taking place. Some folk were knocked off their feet but amazingly no one was seriously hurt as ceiling tiles and other items fell around them. Team members and staff quickly moved into pastoral care mode with frightened patients and visitors.

Reports to LSP's from Paymaster

Diane Copson of Tay Wilson & Co will be on leave between 5 and 17 February. This means that those committees who receive monthly reports from her regarding their balance of funds held for paymaster purposes may receive both reports to the end of January and February in March.

Office Staff Movements in February

National Executive Officer

13- 14 Feb Attending Midland regional Chaplains training days in Whakatane

28 Feb Attending Wanganui LSP AGM

To be arranged:

Meeting with the Minister of Health

National Administrator / Trainer

13- 14 Feb Attending Midland regional chaplains training days in Whakatane

28 Feb Attending Wanganui AGM

To be arranged:

Attending the induction of Rev Wally Te Ua, at Gisborne Hospital and team re-formation

Team re-formation days at Auckland and Wellington

Chaplaincy Movements:

Departures over the past two months

Rev Michael Jones, Anglican, Chaplain, Wellington and Wakefield Hospitals

Rev Mika Fa'amausili, Presbyterian, Pacific Island Chaplain, Middlemore Hospital

Rev Kath Williams, Anglican, Chaplain, Taupo Hospital

Rev Pam Tizzard, Anglican, Chaplain, Auckland Hospital, Women's Health

Rev Bruce White, Anglican, Chaplain, Gisborne Hospital

Resignations

Br Stephen Coakley O.H. Catholic Chaplain, Hillmorton Hospital and Seager Centre finishing end of February

Notice given of intention to retire 30 June 2008

Rev Irene Brodie, Anglican, Chaplain at Middlemore Hospital

Rev Michael Kerr, Anglican, Chaplain at Timaru Hospital and Presbyterian Aged care

Rev Kahu Durie, Anglican, Chaplain to Maori at Palmerston North Hospital

Vacancies

Full-time Ecumenical Chaplain, Pacific Island (Samoan), at **Middlemore Hospital** and Counties Manukau DHB. Applications close Monday 3 March 2008

Full-time Chaplain, (Pakeha), at **Middlemore Hospital** and Counties Manukau DHB. This is an Anglican funded position. Applications close Monday 3 March 2008

Full-time Ecumenical Chaplain **Waitakere Hospital and Mason Clinic**, Waitemata DHB. Applications close Monday 3 March 2008. This position was advertised late last year – it is being readvertised.



Thought for the month:

"We have no preordained right to claim any position as our own. We are "on loan" for a season and when that season finishes we move on." George Bryant