



CHAPLAINCY MESSENGER

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

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Annual Hospital Chaplaincy Week Appeal will be held

The ICHC Trust Board Executive committee decided on 12 June to proceed with plans for the public appeal again this year. Chaplaincy Week from Monday 22 to Sunday 28 September will include a service of thanksgiving at St Mary's Parnell, next to Holy Trinity Anglican Cathedral in Auckland, at 2pm on Sunday 28th. The Rt Rev John Paterson, Bishop of Auckland will give the address. Envelopes, posters and service packs will again be sent out to all congregations of the ICHC partner churches (Anglican, Apostolic, Baptist, Catholic, Christian Churches in NZ, Congregational, Methodist, Presbyterian and Salvation Army) as well as LSP's and Chaplaincies. Some LSP's are planning to provide envelopes, posters and resources for other denominations as a means of raising both the profile and funding for Hospital Chaplaincy in their area. The main focus of the drive to reach the wider non-church community will again be via the NZ Listener.

We know from the enquiries that were received when it looked like there would be no appeal this year, that many LSP's were keen for it to continue as it has formed a base around which to pitch other local fund raising events. It seems as long as LSP's aren't expected to pay the cost of the appeal they wish it to continue. It will be essential that LSP's let the ICHC Trust board know of the amount of local funding they raise as a result of their own activities during Chaplaincy Week. The original commitment made by ICHC was to trial a Chaplaincy Week Appeal as a means of fund raising over 3 years, with the Board undertaking to review its benefits at the end of this year.

Progress on New Funding Contract with the Ministry of Health

The ICHC Trust Board Executive met by teleconference on Thursday 12 June to consider a draft funding contract the MOH has put on the table for the period from 1 July 2008. The formal offer is for a 5 year period starting 1 July 2008 with a cost of living increase each year.

There is a clear thrust for ICHC to have a paid chaplaincy presence in all 21 DHB's. At present we are represented by paid chaplains in 19 DHB's. The contract provides for an increase in direct government funding. The expectation is that the Churches will also continue to provide significant funding for the chaplaincy positions, and that efforts will continue to be made by ICHC locally and nationally to obtain additional funding from churches and communities to secure the Hospital Chaplaincy

Services in each DHB. DHB's will continue to be able to be asked to contribute to any additional chaplaincy services they may want over and above what ICHC and the LSP's can provide. The former expectation that DHB's will fund at least 15% of their Chaplaincy Services costs no longer applies. The current population based subsidies for chaplaincy positions will be removed and from 1 October we will be able to pay a standard subsidy for each FTE position across the country. A Code of Practice for Hospital Chaplaincy outlining Governance (including the role of the LSP's); Employment of staff both paid and voluntary; Normal hours of work; Accountability for ministry and Training will form a significant part of the contract specifications document.

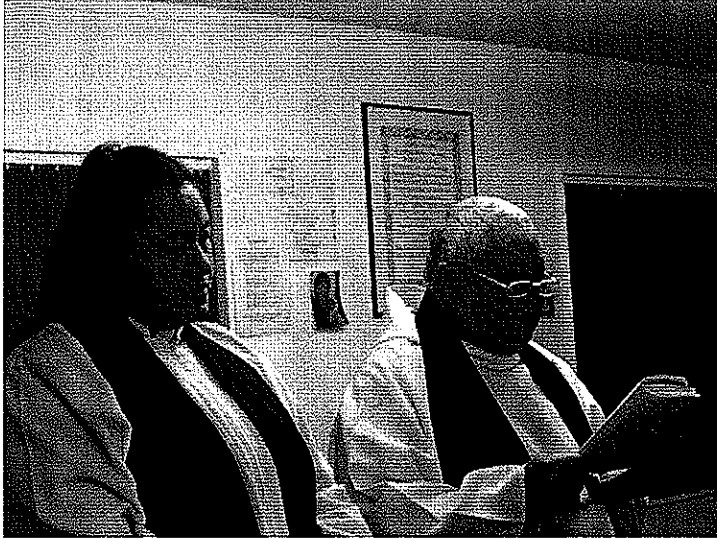
The Executive Committee was pleased with the contract offer and has authorised the Executive Officer to sign a contract on the Board's behalf when the Ministry of Health confirms it.

Other changes

There are some changes in procedures and ICHC policy documents which we will need to work through, including a requirement that the ICHC Trust Board continues to update its strategic plan. We will work through these over time. The intention is for ICHC to have closer relationships with DHB's and to provide the service they require. This will include direct reporting from the ICHC office to DHB CEO's. **A revised statistics form is included with this Messenger which is to be used from 1 July.**

Community Liaison Chaplaincy Christchurch

The Ministry of Health will no longer be providing ICHC with funding for the Community Liaison Chaplaincy team in Christchurch. This will bring ICHC involvement to an end after 11 years of a service which was to have been for 18 months in 1997. We have asked the Ministry of Health to allow us a period of up to 12 months grace to manage the phasing out of our involvement in this service.



Rev's Mere and Richard Wallace lead worship at the training Hui in Christchurch May 2008, Richard is a voluntary chaplain at Greymouth Hospital

LSP Chairpersons meet with ICHC Trust Board 8 October

Wednesday 8 October is the day for the annual meeting this year. It will again be held in Wellington with ICHC reimbursing traveling costs. The gathering will commence at 10am and finish at 4 pm. If the chairperson can't attend another member of the LSP is encouraged to come. Please make your bookings early by cheapest available travel. A lot has happened in the past year so there will be much to discuss. The ICHC Trust Board will continue to meet the following day.

Office Staff Movements in July

National Executive Officer

9 July Regional Chaplaincy dinner hosted by Hutt Hospital chaplains

National Administrator/Trainer

5 July Overseas until 4 August.

Ron Malpass
National Executive Officer

Thought for the month:

"What the caterpillar calls the end of the world,
The master calls a butterfly "

Anon

Chaplaincy Movements:

Appointments:

Rev Pam Tizzard , (Anglican)
Ecumenical Chaplain, Christchurch Hospital to commence 30 September.

Rev Lois Hurd-McKee, (Anglican)
Ecumenical Chaplain, Dunedin and Wakari Hospitals. A commencement date is yet to be confirmed. (Lois is a former ICHC Executive Officer) .

Rev Te Raumiria McRoberts, (Anglican)
Chaplain to Maori at Waikato Hospital to commence on 10 July.

Fr Mark Chamberlain
Catholic Chaplain at Dunedin Hospital commenced earlier this year.

Mrs Jenny Rooney
Catholic Chaplain at Hillmorton Hospital commenced earlier this year.

Vacancies

Ecumenical Chaplain to **Porirua and Kenepuru Hospitals** (.5 FTE)
Applications close Friday 1 August.

Ecumenical Chaplain to **Mental Health and Rehabilitation Services** in the **Auckland DHB**. (Full-time).
Applications close on Friday 1 August.