



# CHAPLAINCY MESSENGER

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

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## Reflections on a busy month of interviews and negotiations

Last month I raised the question: Can we be sure we will have the clergy to fill the existing number of chaplaincy positions as the number retiring increases sharply? As you will see from the appointments we have made we have been busy interviewing 13 of the 21 prospective applicants for Hospital Chaplaincy positions at 6 sites around the country. The paperwork is continuing!

The answers to the various questions asked at interview confirm the belief that ICHC can and does continue to offer an authentic ecumenical service in our nation's hospitals which is diverse in culture and theology. One experienced Chaplain when asked by a hospital manager at interview what do you most value in Chaplaincy? Replied the Team is precious. Team is where you can share with each other what you can't share with anyone else about patients, the hospital, your sadness, your joys - you can be yourself and know that others will understand when you've had a hard day - sometimes they will even offer to take your pager for you and let you have the night off! Other applicants also expressed similar sentiments about their expectations of the positions they had applied for. Take a moment to recall how you have contributed to the wellbeing of your colleagues during the last month.

Negotiations with the Ministry of Health are continuing on a positive note, there is some fine tuning yet to be done but our hope is that the new funding contract will be able to be signed off around the middle of June following a meeting of the ICHC Executive Committee.

## NZHCA CONFERENCE— Ministering to a spiritually pluralistic society.

Sunday August 31<sup>st</sup> - September 4th

Registrations are going well but there are still some places available for what promises to be an exciting programme with various cultural experiences planned.

### KEYNOTE SPEAKERS

**Richard Egan** is currently a PhD student working out of the Dunedin Medical School's General Practice Department and the Department of Preventive and Social Medicine. His long-term interest and research background, is in the area of spiritual well-being. His roles, that have included high school teaching and working as a mental health promoter, researcher and professional advisor for 'Public Health South' in Otago/Southland, have all contributed to his knowledge in this area.

**Julia Mendelssohn** is currently working as an independent scholar, on a wide ranging and comprehensive, interdisciplinary re-examination of why 'humankind' have found themselves', in spite of huge technological advancement, in such a state of personal and universal despair. This is not denying many wonderful things happening - one to one, or within some group environments, but focusing on the bigger questions relating to the human condition, that have not been satisfactorily answered. Julia has also been extensively involved in organizational development, change management, mentoring and problem solving focused counselling. An important outcome of this process and the flow on effect, will be, that we can better demonstrate, the wider relevancy of the chaplaincy role, within our changing environment.



Mr Andrew Potts General Manager Adult Health Northshore Hospital with Chaplains Sr Bernadette Cheyne, Rev Joan McIntosh and Rev Michelle Shin

## Office Staff Movements in June

### National Executive Officer

- 5 June Contracting meeting with Ministry of Health  
12 June ICHC Executive Committee Meeting by Teleconference

### To be arranged

Further contracting meetings with the Ministry of Health  
Interviews for Ecumenical Chaplain Christchurch Hospital,  
Ecumenical Chaplain Dunedin and Wakari Hospitals  
Chaplain to Maori at Waikato Hospital  
Ecumenical Chaplain to Porirua and Kenepuru Hospitals

### National Administrator/Trainer

- 5 June Contracting meeting with Ministry of Health  
12 June ICHC Executive Committee Meeting by Teleconference  
26 June Meeting with Dunedin Maori Chaplaincy Team

## Chaplaincy Movements:

### Resignation

Rev Michael Watson, Ecumenical Chaplain to Mental Health Services at Porirua Hospital has resigned. Michael will finish at the beginning of July.

### Transfer

Rev Deidre Sutcliffe will finish as Ecumenical Chaplain to the **Mental Health Units in the Auckland DHB** on 30 June and commence as Fulltime Ecumenical Chaplain at **Counties Manukau DHB** on 1 July.

### Appointments:

- Rev Jacqui Cavit Presbyterian, Fulltime Ecumenical Chaplain at Northshore Hospital and the Wilson Centre commences on 14 July  
Rev Ieda Grigg: Baptist, Fulltime Ecumenical Chaplain at Waitakere Hospital and Mason Clinic commences on 1 July  
Rev Ellen Marsh: Anglican, .2FTE Chaplain to Maori at Palmerston North Hospital commences on 1 July  
Rev Ian McLeod: Methodist, Fulltime Ecumenical Chaplain at Timaru and Talbot Hospitals and the Presbyterian Aged Care Homes and Hospitals  
Rev Mabel Grennell: Anglican, .2FTE Voluntary Chaplain to Maori Wairau Hospital commenced in May

### Vacancies

Ecumenical Chaplain, **Christchurch Hospital** (Full-time Anglican funded). Applications close Friday 6 June.

Ecumenical Chaplain, **Dunedin and Wakari Hospitals** (Full-time). Applications close Friday 6 June

Chaplain to Maori at **Waikato Hospital** (Fulltime) this is a denominational appointment

Ecumenical Chaplain to **Porirua and Kenepuru Hospitals** (.5FTE) Applications close Friday 6 June

### Thought for the month:

"Behold the turtle. He makes progress only when he sticks his neck out"

Anon

Ron Malpass  
National Executive Officer