



CHAPLAINCY MESSENGER

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

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ICHC is now Registered under the Charities Act 2005

The Interchurch Council for Hospital Chaplaincy became a registered charity on 25 February. Our **Registration number is CC 21346**. An officer of the Charities Commission phoned on 25 February and the only thing they required of us when they came to consider our application was that we confirm by email that we would accept being registered under the shortened name **The Interchurch Council for Hospital Chaplaincy**. This is the same name the Companies office had registered us under previously, rather than the full official name in our Trust Deed which is too long for their purposes "**The Interchurch Council for Hospital Chaplaincy in Aotearoa New Zealand Charitable Trust**."

We have been exempted from filing an annual return for the period to 30 June 2009. Our first annual return to the Commission will need to be lodged for the year to 30 June 2010 and it must be received by the Commission before 31 December 2010. We will however from 25 February 2008 need to notify the Commission of any changes to our name, address for service, balance date, rules or any officers, no later than 3 months after any change is made.



Long Serving LSP Chairperson retires to take on new challenges

Mr Allan Anderson Chair of the Wanganui Hospitals Ecumenical Chaplaincy Committee resigned at the committee's AGM on 28 February. Allan one of ICHC's three longest serving Chairpersons, was elected to the Whanganui District Health Board last October and was also recently re-elected in a bi-election for another term on the local District Council. We thank Allan for his many years of service to hospital chaplaincy, which he got involved in when his wife the Rev Rosemary Anderson was the Acting Chaplain at Wanganui Hospital. We wish Allan all the best for the challenges before him in his new positions. (The other long serving chairpersons are Mrs Heather Walls in Christchurch and Mr Ian White in Gisborne, both like Allan have served for more than a decade).

Accountants Tay Wilson & Co become "Hugh Lopdell Accounting Ltd" on 1 April.

Our accountant Tay Wilson is retiring on 31 March and has sold his business to his practice manager, Hugh Lopdell. Hugh has degrees in Commerce and Administration and is a registered Chartered Accountant. For those LSP's that use Tay Wilson & Co as your chaplain's paymaster and those Chaplains paid by them, you should notice no difference in the service you receive. What you do need to note is the new contact details. Diane Copson who handles the ICHC and paymaster work will have a new e-mail address diane@hughlopdell.co.nz and the website will be www.hughlopdell.co.nz. The phone numbers and fax remain the same Ph 04 385 0072 Fax 04 384 7205 the mail address continues to be P.O. Box 3650, Wellington 6140.

New Personal Appraisal Process for Chaplains

We are now in as position to re-introduce Personal Appraisals for all Chaplains. The new appraisal process which has been trialed, will be introduced over the next 3 years. It takes account and incorporates the feed back from LSPs, Chaplains and some Hospitals following the process used in 2003-2004. The features of the new system are:- all chaplains at a hospital will not be appraised at the same time; part of the process will include the opportunity for Chaplains to have a face to face meeting to discuss the feed back received from assessors before the final report is prepared by ICHC; LSP's will have a meaningful role in the process with their chaplain. The process will commence in the next month and we hope to cover all chaplains during the next 3 years. The cycle will then be repeated. Chaplains will not need to undertake the process if they have given notice of an intention to retire within a year of the date they are required to undertake the process.

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Chaplaincy Movements:

Vacancies

Part-time Chaplain to Maori, **Palmerston North Hospital, MidCentral DHB.** Applications close Monday 31 March.

Full time Ecumenical Chaplain, **Timaru Hospitals of the South Canterbury DHB and Aged Care Homes and Hospitals** run by Presbyterian Support South Canterbury. Applications close Monday 31 March.

Office Staff Movements in March

National Executive Officer

- 4 -5 March Attending Central regional Chaplains training days in Hastings
- 8 March Speaking to Order of St Luke regional training day at Levin
- 10-11 March Meetings with Nelson Hospital chaplaincy team, LSP and management and attending Mal McKissock grief seminar
- 12 March Meeting with Wairau Hospital Chaplaincy team, LSP and management
- 13 March Meeting with Greymouth Hospital management and Chaplaincy Assistants team
- 27 March ICHC Executive Committee meeting in Wellington

To be arranged:

Meeting with the Minister of Health

National Administrator / Trainer

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Team re-formation days at Auckland and Wellington

Chaplaincy Resources

“Spirituality in Patient Care” Dr Harold Koenig MD MHsc, Associate professor of psychiatry and medicine at Duke University and Director of the Centre for Spirituality, Theology and Health Studies, a world leader in researching how spirituality and religion affects health and wholeness, has up-dated this publication. The new second edition with updated information and statistics was released late last year. Copies at \$NZ39.99 plus p&p will be available in late March from Epworth Books in Wellington. Phone 04 476 3330 or email sales@epworthbooks.org.nz Hospital Chaplains may order copies and Epworth will send an invoice with the book, or you may visit their website www.epworthbooks.org.nz, which gives other options for payment.

“The Work of the Chaplain” by Naomi Paget and Janet McCormack \$NZ 24.99 + p&p
This book by two chaplains gives a good guide to people exploring a ministry in chaplaincy by unmasking what it is chaplains actually do. It provides a concise history of chaplaincy through the ages and the biblical basis for a chaplaincy ministry. It carefully explains how chaplaincy is a unique ministry. The various types of chaplaincy, hospital, military, prison, education, work place etc are mentioned along with issues of accountability, privacy, ethics, spiritual assessment, supervision etc. The importance of chaplains self-managing their time and their own care, while caring for others is also covered. Comments from reviewers on the internet say this is an essential read for chaplaincy trainees, students in seminaries and those doing their first unit of CPE as well as clergy considering applying for chaplaincy positions and their denominational church leaders. Copies are of this book are also available through Epworth Books, Wellington.

Thought for the month:

“Real leaders face the music even when they don't like the tune.” Anon



Ron Malpass
National Executive Officer

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www.ichc.org.nz