

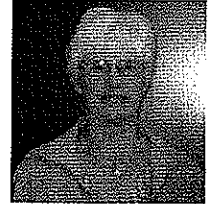


# CHAPLAINCY MESSENGER

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

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We are delighted that Mrs Jan Jones has agreed to come back to assist in the office one day per week during November so that the office staff can undertake a major update of the ICHC Database and Chaplains leave records, LSP minutes and finances, to identify any pending issues for 2009.



## Snippets from the Meeting of the ICHC Trust Board 9 October

The meeting elected Dr Bryan Bang new Chair of the ICHC Trust Board, Bryan is a retired barrister living in Hamilton. Bryan has had an association as an advisor to the ICHC since 2000 becoming an ICHC Trustee in early 2007 serving on the Executive Committee during the past year.

The elected members of the ICHC Executive committee members are: Rev Max Reid, Miss Prue Neild, Rev Alex Czerwonka, Bishop Barry Jones, Rev Nigel Hanscamp, Rev Tale Hakeagaiki. Also Sr Bernadette Cheyne as Chair of the NZHCA attends the meetings of the Executive Committee.

The following trustee vacancies were noted: an ACTS Churches New Zealand (formerly the Apostolic Church Movement NZ) representative, following the resignation of Rev Trish Lee; a Catholic Bishops Conference representative; following the resignation of Ms Liz Pennell and a Christian Churches NZ representative following the death last November of Mrs Edna Richardson.

The meeting confirmed the membership of the Stipend Review Sub-committee as Rev Alex Czerwonka, ICHC Executive; Dr Bryan Bang, ICHC Executive; Rev David Bush, Methodist appointee; Mr Tony Deavoll, Anglican

appointee; Mr Neil Sinclair, Presbyterian appointee. This committee makes recommendations to the ICHC Executive committee regarding the annual stipend rates for Chaplains.

Other business:

- The ongoing work of the executive committee to develop a long service leave policy with appropriate financial provision was affirmed.
- The additional work the National Office will be undertaken in order to implement the Service Specifications of the current 5 year contract with the Ministry of Health (copy enclosed with this mailing) was recognized. This will involve consultation with each LSP, the first of which will begin later this month with the three LSP's in the Auckland region. (It is important that the ICHC continues to receive regular minutes of LSP meetings and financial reports).
- It was noted that there have been 18 Chaplaincy appointments to positions which had become vacant through retirement or resignations since October 2007.

A copy of the Annual report of the ICHC Trust Board is enclosed with this mailing.

## Annual Meeting of LSP Chairpersons

Three presentations were made at the meeting on 8<sup>th</sup> October:

- Miss Prue Neild (*BA, FTCL, RTSCA, a former ICHC Trust Board Chair*) led a workshop on 'Nurturing the Soul of the Chaplaincy Service';
- Rev Max Reid (*MA Soc. Policy, B.Theol., Dip. Ministry, B.Bus.Studies Ind. Rels., Member of Funding Institute of NZ, former Chair Otago Hospital Chaplaincy Committee 1999-2002. Chair ICHC Hospital Chaplaincy Week Appeal sub-committee*) led a discussion on 'Promoting the Chaplaincy Service and Raising Funds';
- Mr Ron Malpass and Mrs Margaret Poynton (*ICHC Staff*) spoke on 'The New Ministry of Health Contract – Changes and Challenges'.

Hopefully the information will benefit all 160+ LSP members as you continue in your various roles which provide such valued support to our Chaplains who carry out their ministry in the hospitals.

In the afternoon the Trustees heard feedback on the draft Long Service Leave paper and other issues were raised by the LSP representatives.

## Chaplaincy Movements

### Appointments

**Rev Dr Jan Calvert** (Presbyterian), Fulltime Ecumenical Hospital Chaplain, **Waikato Hospital** commences 1 February 2009.

**Rev Barbara Walker** (Anglican), Fulltime Ecumenical Hospital Chaplain, **Hawke's Bay Hospital** commences 9 February 2009

**Rev Simon Martin** (ACTS Churches New Zealand), Fulltime Ecumenical Hospital Chaplain, **Nelson Hospitals** commences 9 February 2009

**Fr Raju Kallumpurath**, .5FTE Catholic Chaplain **Auckland City Hospital** Commenced 20 October

### Resignations & Retirements

**Mrs Pat Cotton**, Catholic Chaplain, **Auckland City Hospital** has resigned

**Rev Miki Thompson**, Anglican, Ecumenical Chaplain, **The Princess Margaret Hospital** will retire at the end of March 2009

### Vacancies

**Ecumenical Chaplain**, .5FTE The Princess Margaret Hospital, Christchurch applications close Friday 28 November 2008

### Office Staff Movements in September

#### National Executive Officer

6 -13 November On leave  
18 - 21 November Out of office including Midland Chaplains Regional gathering at Hamilton 19 & 20 November  
25 November Attending commissioning of Rev Pam Tizzard in Christchurch

#### National Administrator/Trainer

18 - 21 November Out of office including Midland Chaplains Regional gathering at Hamilton 19 & 20 November  
25 November Meeting with the Counties Maunukau LSP  
26 November Meeting with the Auckland LSP  
27 November Meeting with the Waitemata LSP

Margaret Poynton  
National Administrator

## Hospital Chaplaincy Week Appeal Update

To date \$80,891 has been received from Appeal envelopes and previous donors. For the Executive Committee to accurately assess the effectiveness of the Chaplaincy Awareness week please could LSP's let the ICHC office know how much was raised as a result of local fundraising efforts during this period.

### Who should receive the "Chaplaincy Messenger"?

This question is frequently asked. 230+ copies of the Chaplaincy Messenger are sent out from the national office each month "For: All Hospital Chaplains, Chaplaincy Assistants, LSP and Trust Board Members" Each LSP is responsible for ensuring that all of the 160+ LSP members receive their own copy; Chaplains are responsible for ensuring that the 360+ Chaplaincy Assistants receive their copy; Church Leaders are responsible for circulating copies to the appropriate persons within their denomination. This means that around 1000 copies are distributed each month.

### Christmas Leave

Please could Chaplains make your applications to your LSP for leave over the Christmas - New Year period as early as possible so that you are able to make the best use of the summer months and the traditional lower bed occupancy in hospitals during this time. This will enable our records to be updated and confirmation of leave balances calculated.

We will also be checking Chaplains, Chaplaincy Assistant and locum contracts are all current as well as the financial status of all LSP's as at their AGM.

### Contacting Diane Copson

Diane has relocated her desk to Waikanae however she is still available to Chaplains and LSP's using the ICHC paymaster service.

The best way to contact her is by email:

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### Thought for the month:

"He who moves not forward goes backward - Goethe."