



# CHAPLAINCY MESSENGER

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

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## Funding Contract with the Ministry of Health

The new contract was finally signed by ICHC and the Ministry of Health on the 19th of August. LSP Chairpersons (or their representative ) will hear more about this at the meeting in Wellington on 8 October. One of the first items we are keen to address is Long Service Leave for Chaplains. After years of talking around the possibility of establishing a special long service leave provision for chaplains which is separate from the denominational provisions, the Trust Board is circulating with this "Messenger" a draft paper on a LONG SERVICE LEAVE POLICY. The new funding contract has presented a window of opportunity for ICHC to be able to realistically consider introducing a paid long service leave provision. The board would like LSP Committees to consider this draft and for the chairperson or representative to be able to come to the meeting on the 8<sup>th</sup> in a position to discuss it. The Paper is also being discussed by the chaplains at their Conference this week. The ICHC Trust Board is hoping to be able to make a decision about the new policy possibly as early as its annual meeting on the 9<sup>th</sup> of October. The proposal includes a lead in time of 5 years which will be needed to accumulate the funding needed to make it feasible.

## Hospital Chaplaincy Week Appeal 22 - 28 September

When we closed the books on the 2007 Chaplaincy Appeal last week on 26 August a total of \$99, 500 had been received, including in recent weeks two 2006 Appeal envelopes. We are hoping this year's appeal will also be a success. There has unfortunately been a glitch in the printing of the Appeal envelopes and we have received 12,000 less than we require. The Printer is rectifying this in the next 10 days which will mean that Hospitals, Chaplaincy teams, LSP's and some Churches may not receive the resource pack, envelopes and posters they requested until the week commencing 15 September. If Churches wish to change the number of envelopes for next year they should let us know by post or email so that we can adjust our database accordingly.

This year's Chaplaincy Sunday special Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service is to be held in Auckland's Holy Trinity Anglican Cathedral in Parnell, Auckland at 2pm on Sunday 28 September (this is a change of venue from the adjacent St Mary's Parnell which was previously advertised). The service marks the 36th anniversary of the Government decision in 1972 which established the Government and Churches partnership in the provision of the Inter- Church Hospital Chaplaincy service in the public health sector. The Hospital Chaplaincy partnership of the Catholic and Protestant Churches and the Churches and Government was very significant at the time. Along with the Prison and Tertiary Chaplaincy Services, Hospital Chaplaincy continues to be one of the enduring legacies of the ecumenical co-operation in the

1960's. Representatives of the 9 partner churches will take part in the service. At time of writing, the Rt Rev John Paterson, Anglican Bishop of Auckland will give the address and other church leaders who have confirmed they will take part are Auckland Catholic Assistant Bishop, the Most Rev Robin Leamy, Methodist Auckland Synod Superintendent, Rev Kenneth Smith and Presbyterian Auckland Presbytery Moderator Rev Andrew Norton. If you are in Auckland please come and publicise this event in your parish and hospitals.

## Has your LSP got a new name and a new Number ? Have you registered with the Charities Commission?

I asked last month if your LSP has changed its name or become a **Trust** or **Incorporated Society** during the process of becoming a registered charity, could you please make sure to send us an email with **your new legal name** and also provide us with your **Charities Commission registration number**. We have not received many replies. Our new Contract with the Ministry of Health requires ICHC to ensure that if our LSP committees receive or hold funds which come from the Ministry contract, they must be registered under the Charities Act 2005. It is therefore important that we have your legal name and Charities Commission registration number. As the new subsidy rates are due to apply from **1 October could we please have all the numbers by that date**. NO registration - no money !



Southland Chaplains in their new office Rev Judy Johnston, Rev Kevin Thompson, Jo Raines LSP Chair and Fr Brian Dougherty



John Burton Dunedin LSP Chair and Ron Malpass with Rev Lois Hurd-McKee at her commissioning in the Hospital chapel

## Office Staff Movements in September

### National Executive Officer

- 1-4 September NZHCA Conference, Wellington
- 8-10 September National Interfaith Conference, Auckland University
- 17 September Performance Appraisals
- 18 September ICHC Trust Board Executive Committee teleconference
- 28 September Chaplaincy Sunday service, Holy Trinity Cathedral Auckland
- 30 September Middlemore Hospital
- 1 October Wairau Hospital, Blenheim, Chaplaincy Assistant commissioning

### National Administrator/Trainer

- 1-5 September on leave
- 8-10 September National Interfaith Conference, Auckland University
- 17 September Performance Appraisals
- 18 September ICHC Trust Board Executive Committee teleconference
- 28 September Chaplaincy Sunday service, Hutt Hospital and Holy Trinity Cathedral
- 29&30 September Team building and re-formation with North Shore Chaplaincy team
- 1 & 2 October Team building and re-formation with Middlemore Chaplaincy team

## Chaplaincy Movements

### Appointments

- Rev Michael Blakely, Anglican, Ecumenical Chaplain to Mason Clinic and Waitakere Hospital.
- Rev Ron Ashford, Anglican, Ecumenical Chaplain to Mental Health and Rehabilitation Services in the Auckland DHB

### Transfers

- Rev Jonathan Boyes, Anglican, Ecumenical Chaplain to Nelson Hospitals moves to the position of .5FTE Ecumenical Chaplain to Mental Health Services, Porirua and Kenepuru Hospitals.

### Resignations

- Rev Ieda Grigg, Baptist, Ecumenical Chaplain, Mason Clinic and Waitakere Hospital
- Rev Heather Flavell, Anglican, Ecumenical Chaplain, Hawke's Bay Regional Hospital

### Vacancies

Ecumenical Hospital Chaplain,  
**Waikato Hospital**

Ecumenical Hospital Chaplain,  
**Hawke's Bay Hospital**

Ecumenical Hospital Chaplain,  
**Nelson Hospitals**

Applications for the above positions close 26 September

Ron Malpass  
National Executive Officer

**Thought for the month:**

**"Forgive your enemies. It confuses them." Anon**