



CHAPLAINCY MESSENGER

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

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Christchurch Cathedral to host Hospital Chaplaincy Week launch

The national Hospital Chaplaincy Week and its annual Appeal will commence on **Sunday 20th September**, with representatives of the ICHC partner denominations taking part in the 10am service of thanksgiving at Christchurch's Anglican Cathedral in the Square. If you are in Christchurch on that day, please do come and join us for this occasion.

Appeal resources

The letter from the ICHC Trust Board Chair, Dr Bryan Bang, together with the Resource Pack for Hospital Chaplaincy Sunday and an Appeal Poster which was sent out to parishes last week is being sent out with this Messenger. The Appeal envelopes will follow toward the end of this month.

Ideas for Chaplaincy Week Activities

In early July Rev Max Reid wrote to the LSP Chairpersons about the local benefits of a national promotion. In particular he asked the question "How can you help?" he went on to say: "One way – as discussed at the LSP Chairs' meeting prior to last year's ICHC AGM – is to share your success stories. What innovative ideas has your LSP come up with to support and/or promote the national Hospital Chaplaincy Appeal in the past few years? What ideas have other organisations used to promote their appeals – that you feel might be transferrable to your context? How do you help raise the profile of the appeal in your local churches? Amongst your Christian leaders? In the hospital? In your community?"

Tell us your story! It doesn't have to be a novel – just a few bullet-point ideas on a page would be great to receive. We can then pass on your creativity to other LSPs, inspiring them to action, so that hospital chaplaincy across the country can benefit. So when you get a moment – or, better still, at your next LSP meeting – do a little brainstorming, jot down some notes, and either post or email those ideas through to me (contact details below). And I'll make sure they get shared around the other LSPs."

Please send in your ideas so that everyone can benefit from the investment in this promotion.

As we finalise the appeal year, the small amount received since disbursements were made to LSP's earlier in the year will be forwarded.

Annual meeting of LSP chairpersons

Our key speaker this year will be Mr Peter Glensor, the Chairperson of the Hutt Valley DHB, and at present Chair of DHBNZ. Peter was formerly a Methodist minister who got involved in the health field by managing a community medical centre for low income families in the Hutt Valley in the early 1990's. The Minister of Health, The Hon Tony Ryall is unfortunately unavailable on the 7th October.

The meeting between ICHC Trustees and our 25 Local Chaplaincy Committees, will be held in Wellington on **Wednesday 7 October from 10am to 4pm**. The venue is the **Conference Room at St John's Presbyterian Church** cnr of Willis and Dixon Streets. This is the same venue we used 4 or 5 years ago when Annette King then Minister of Health spoke to us. It was also the venue for the NZHCA Chaplains Conference last year. ICHC will reimburse the cost of travel to and from Wellington for each chairperson (or another member of the Committee if the chair person is unable to attend). A registration form and a claim form for reimbursement of travel expenses will be enclosed with this Messenger for LSP's Chairpersons or their representatives. Please make your air bookings etc as early as possible to take advantage of cheap fares.

Reports and Statistics

Much of the month of July has been taken up with completing funding applications and reports to the partner Churches, COGS, Chaplains, DHBS and hospitals. During August there are more reports to be written. Each report or application is individual to the circumstances.

With the expectation that the Church and community provide just over \$2.3 million nationally towards the running of the Chaplaincy Service, ICHC needs to be in a position to be able to describe accurately what it is that is happening in each hospital and nationally to the Churches and major funders. Contractually LSP's along with ICHC are expected to be working to a strategic plan for the next 5 years, these plans also assist us in being able to articulate what support is required for Hospital Chaplains, as they continue to provide the best possible spiritual care for all those who find themselves in hospital. Margaret has been working over the past 9 months with LSP's to begin their strategic planning process.

At the end of the day the quantitative measure is the statistics relating to Ministry provided by our Chaplains and their Chaplaincy Assistants, along with the LSP reports, enable us to respond to requests for information at short notice. Please can you ensure the Chaplaincy Statistics are sent to the ICHC office within the first week of each month and LSP committee minutes and financial updates are forwarded as soon as possible after each meeting.

Office Staff Movements in August

National Executive Officer

6 Aug Chaplaincy Assistant commissioning Dunedin Hospital
26 Aug Attending Hawke's Bay LSP AGM
27 Aug Speaking to Hutt Valley Association of Presbyterian Women

National Administrator/Trainer

21-22 August Nelson-Marlborough Maori Chaplains training

To be advised meeting with Ministry of Health contract managers

Most of this month will be spent by Wellington staff and helpers packing and posting Appeal materials and writing numerous reports.

Our thoughts and prayers are with Doreen and Tale Hakeagiki following the death of Doreen's father earlier this week. Doreen works in the ICHC office and Tale is a member of the ICHC Trust Board.



Ron Malpass
National Executive Officer

Chaplaincy Movements

Departures:

Sister Bernie Cheyne, Catholic Chaplain at North Shore Hospital leaves in mid September to take up the position of Chaplain at the North Shore Hospice. She will continue in her position as President of the NZHCA.

Rev Bill Hawke, Anglican, part-time Chaplain at Hutt Hospital died in July. Bill's funeral on 14 July was well attended by past and present Chaplains from the lower North Island.

Appointment:

Rev Ian Hanley, Anglican, has been appointed as Full-time Ecumenical Chaplain to North Shore Hospital for twelve months from July 2009 while Rev Michelle Shin is overseas.

Sharing ideas

This month's this and that includes some ministry ideas Chaplains have used in their hospitals in recent months.

Also included is a helpful leaflet distributed by the Wellington Division of the Cancer Society Support and Information on **Managing Spiritual Distress** which was found in a hospital outpatient waiting area.

Thought for the month:

"Close by the Rights of Man, at least set beside them, are the Rights of the Spirit."

Victor Hugo