



CHAPLAINCY MESSENGER

For: All Hospital Chaplains, Chaplaincy Assistants, LSP and Trust Board Members Vol 11 # 5 3 June 2010

The Common Stipend for Hospital Chaplains

The Executive Committee of the ICHC Trust Board has approved a recommendation from the Stipend Review Group, for an adjustment of 1.5%. This will increase the stipend to **\$44,368.57 p.a. from 1 July 2010**. The new rate for locum chaplains will be "up to **\$21.33 per hour**". The Accreditation and Ministry Enhancement allowances will remain unchanged in line with an ICHC Trust Board decision that adjustments to these allowances will only be made every 3 to 5 years.

In accordance with the changed formula for Housing allowances adopted in 2009, the Stipend Review Group recommended new rates for some regions. These have been approved. They are:- Auckland region (Auckland, Counties Manukau and Waitemata DHB's), Wellington region (Capital & Coast and Hutt Valley DHB's), Taupo Hospital, Waikato DHB, Taranaki DHB, MidCentral DHB, Hawke's Bay DHB, Dunedin Hospital and Invercargill Hospital. All other Housing allowances remain unchanged.

Stipend and Allowances for each position are enclosed with this "Messenger" for those Chaplains on the ICHC stipend package. A copy will also be sent to Paymasters.

Please note: the Accreditation Allowance can only be paid to chaplains who have been **fully accredited as a New Zealand Healthcare Chaplain by NZHCA**. Accreditation is valid for 5 years. Paymasters should receive a copy of the Certificate of Accreditation or Re-Accreditation from Chaplains.

The ICHC Trust Board Executive will be considering at its meeting on 24 June whether it can increase the subsidy paid toward each position this coming year.

Insurance Cover renewed from 1 June

The suite of insurance policies the ICHC holds, covers the range of activities carried out by our chaplains, chaplaincy assistants, employed staff and official members of the ICHC Trust Board and the local chaplaincy committees/Trusts/Assns. These have been renewed for another year. In all, our insurances cover the work or duties of 640 people, over 500 of whom are volunteers.

We have this year increased our public/general liability insurance cover to \$5 million, so we can cover events that local committees and chaplaincies run in public places. These include "street appeals" and events in local shopping malls etc. especially during Chaplaincy National Appeal week, or at other times, where the owners require groups using their facilities, to hold public liability insurance.

Please note that the ICHC insurance cover **does not cover** any chaplain or assistant for personal effects, clothing, robes, books etc which may be stored or lost

on hospital premises. Nor does it cover Chapel items such as hymn books, cassette players, communion vessels etc used in ministry within hospitals. Such insurance is the responsibility of the individual for their personal possessions, or the local committee if they want to insure against the loss of items used or provided in Chapels.



John Blyth and Ray Mellisop Chair and treasurer of the Whangarei LSP committee discuss the ideas arising from the Strategic planning workshop in held in May.

A Place of Springs by Sr Bernadette Rodgers

The launch of this book we reviewed last month, has been delayed until late June. For the record Sr Bernadette was appointed as Catholic Chaplain at Palmerston North Hospital and served from 1988-1996 and at Taranaki Base Hospital 1998-2005. In both places while Catholic patients were her priority, she worked as an important part of the ecumenical team. This was especially so in Taranaki where in partnership with the Rev Robert Anderson she was involved in the training of a large number of chaplaincy assistants, some of whom continue in this role today.

Copies will be available in late June for \$25 including postage and packaging, from Sr Bernadette Rodgers, 71 Queen Street, Westport 7825.

Appointments

Pastor Sione Tu'ungafasi, Wesleyan Methodist, to .5FTE Pacific Island (Tongan) Chaplain, at Middlemore Hospital, Counties Manukau DHB. Sione takes up the position on 14 June.

Rev Philip Charles & Rev Bella Morrell, Anglican Pihopatanga, to .6FTE Chaplain to Maori at Dunedin and Wakari Hospitals. Philip and Bella took up this position in May.

Chaplaincy Week

19 - 25 September 2010

The launch of Chaplaincy week this year will be a Service in St Peter's Anglican Cathedral Hamilton on Sunday 19 September.

Resource packs for Churches will be mailed out near the beginning of August. Material for inclusion in the pack should be received at ICHC before 30 June.

Appeal envelopes and posters will be ready for mailing at the beginning of September.

The 2009 Appeal total now stands at \$147,000.

National Staff Movements in June

National Executive Officer

18 & 19 June Mission & Unity Conference at St John's College, Auckland to mark the 100th Anniversary of the Edinburgh Conference in 1910, which led to the development of a range of co-operative ecumenical ventures including the various Councils of Churches and joint chaplaincy services.

24 June ICHC Executive Committee in Wellington

30 June Wellington Regional Chaplaincy dinner

TBA: Meeting with Maori Health Directorate Ministry of Health

National administrator/ Training facilitator

17 & 18 June Chaplaincy Team re-forming in Hamilton

18 & 19 June Mission & Unity Conference at St John's College, Auckland

24 June ICHC Executive Committee in Wellington

30 June Chaplaincy Team re-forming in Gisborne

TBA Chaplaincy Team re-forming in Christchurch and Middlemore



Rev Steven McMillan, is commissioned in the Christchurch Hospital Chapel

Left to right: Wyatt Butcher, Chaplain Hillmorton; Helen Gray, Pam Tizzard & Sr Mary Hanrahan, Chaplains Christchurch Public; Hilary Barlow, Chaplain Christchurch Womens; Ron Malpass, ICHC; Steven McMillan, Chaplain Christchurch Public; Moega Lasei Chaplain Princess Margaret; and Winston Marshall, Chaplain Burwood.

Ron Malpass
National Executive Officer

Thought for the month: "God never rolls his eyes!" A patient