



CHAPLAINCY MESSENGER

For: All Hospital Chaplains, Chaplaincy Assistants, LSP and Trust Board Members Vol 11 # 4 1 May 2010

The Merry Month of May

May is an important month for ICHC as it is the month we renew our insurance policies each year which involves filling in forms and talking with our Insurance Brokers. To undertake this task, we need to have an accurate list of the names of all our Chaplains, Locums, Chaplaincy Assistants, Chaplaincy Assistant trainees, ICHC Trust Board members, members of our 25 LSP's and our office staff. To get this right, we rely on each LSP and Chaplain supplying us with up to date information throughout the year. By 1 June 2010 when our renewed insurance policies come into operation we will be providing indemnity cover for around 610 people.

As part of this exercise each year we find that there are some Chaplaincy Assistants whose Service Agreements have expired, although they are continuing to provide ministry. Chaplains who are supervising Chaplaincy Assistants with expired Service Agreements, will receive with this Chaplaincy Messenger, a list of those Assistants who need a new Agreement to be completed and sent to us **this month**.

Enclosed for all LSP Committees and Chaplains is an updated version of the **Schedule of items that need to be reported to ICHC during each year**. Some LSP's are unfortunately not supplying their committee minutes, Chaplains reports, financial reports or annual reports regularly. Could LSP Secretaries and Treasurers please make sure these are sent in regularly. Sending committee minutes and financial reports as attachments to emails is fine.

Regional Training days



Above: Photos of some of the 64 chaplains and chaplaincy assistants at the Midland and Central regions combined 2 day training at Hawke's Bay Regional Hospital in February. Dr Beth Taylor from Mary Potter Hospice (in picture left above) and Rev Deidre Sutcliffe, Chaplain at Middlemore Hospital gave excellent presentations.

A Place of Springs by Sr Bernadette Rodgers

Friends often suggest that Hospital Chaplains write a book about their experiences, but in New Zealand few take up this challenge. A new book, to be released in mid May is an account by Sister Bernadette Rodgers, of her personal journey into ministry as a chaplain working in public hospitals. It is filled with events, anecdotes and where appropriate Sr Bernadette's feelings, as she went about learning to assist, bring comfort and hope, and just be there, for patients, their families and staff in two New Zealand regional hospitals. The title comes from Psalm 84 verse 6, "As they go through the valley of thirst, they make it a place of springs." Sr Bernadette says, "In chaplaincy this is what we try to do, if only in some small way."

This book is most welcome and will be of interest to those wanting to enter healthcare chaplaincy, as well as to those who have been chaplains for some years. It should also encourage the faith of those seeking healing and wholeness.

For the record Sr Bernadette was appointed as Catholic Chaplain to Palmerston North Hospital serving 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 from mid May for \$25 which includes postage and packaging, from Sr Bernadette Rodgers, 71 Queen Street, Westport 7825.

National Staff Movements in May

National Executive Officer

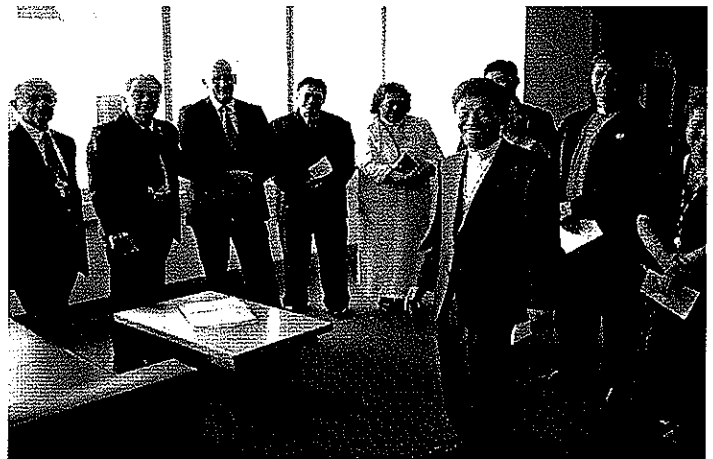
- 19 May Wellington regional pot luck dinner at Porirua Hospital campus
- 25 May 7pm Commissioning Service for Rev Steven McMillan, Christchurch Public Hospital

National Administrator/ Training Facilitator

- 4-6 May with chaplaincy team, LSP and hospital management at Northland Hospital, Whangarei
- 11-12 May with Hawke's Bay Chaplaincy team
- 19 May Wellington regional pot luck dinner at Porirua Hospital campus
- 17-30 May supporting team at Hutt Hospital

Chaplaincy Appeal

The 2009 Appeal total now stands at
\$145,036.



Rev Young Jun You with (L to R) Methodist Superintendent and members of Auckland Presbytery before his commissioning as Ecumenical Chaplain Auckland City Hospital 28 April 2010.

Thought for the month: following on from last month

"Our goal at the moment isn't to escape poverty. It's to escape misery, so we can return to poverty."

Jean-Max Bellerive, Prime Minister of Haiti . March 2010

Ron Malpass
National Executive Officer