



CHAPLAINCY MESSENGER

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

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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.

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Ron Malpass
National Executive Officer

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

NZ HEALTHCARE CHAPLAINS' ASSOCIATION

2010 BIENNIAL CONFERENCE at ROTORUA - 16th - 20th AUGUST 2010

Theme of Conference - Care of The Soul

Profiles of Keynote Speakers:

Gordon Wegener is an Executive pastor with the Lutheran Church of Australia, Victorian district. For the past six years, he has been Lutheran chaplain to the Melbourne hospitals, particularly those of the inner city. His role also oversees the pastoral care of Lutheran Aged Care facilities in Victoria and Tasmania and he is a member of the National Board for Lutheran Aged Care. He is immediate past president of the Health Care Chaplaincy Council of Victoria Inc and a member and former president of the Victorian Council of Churches.

Jenni Wegener has been the Co-ordinator of Pastoral Care & Chaplaincy and Director of Clinical Pastoral Education at the Royal Melbourne Hospital for over ten years. She is the current secretary of the International Council on Pastoral Care and Counselling and chair of the Professional Standards committee for the Australia and New Zealand Association of Clinical Pastoral Education (ANZACPE). Jenni is a Clinical Pastoral Educator with the Association of Supervised Pastoral Education in Australia Inc (ASPEA Inc) and a Supervisor-Trainer within the Association for Supervision, Coaching and Consultancy in Australia and New Zealand. (ASCCANZ). She has a Master of Arts in Creative Arts Therapy.

Together Jenni and Gordon have three adult children and two grandsons. They both enjoy spending time with their family, music, the beach, mountains and exploring the natural world. Reading, gardening sewing and woodwork are favourite past-times.

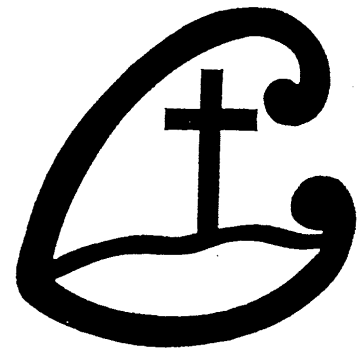
Some of the workshops offered will be:

- Care of the Aging Soul
- Care of the Indigenous Soul
- Care of the Team Soul
- Care of the Psychiatric Patient Soul

NZHCA Conference

Date for Registration forms has been extended to the end of May to confirm hotel accommodation bookings.

Registration forms available from
Bernadette Cheyne
berniec@nshospice.org.nz



Assistance with fees and travel to NZHCA Conference for Maori Chaplains

The information we received from the Ministry of Health, Maori Health Directorate after the 2008 NZHCA conference, that we could hold the balance of the grant they had given us to assist with fees and travel costs, and use it for our Maori Chaplains to attend the 2010 NZHCA conference, is currently under review by the Ministry of Health. Because of this we have put on hold further payments to our Maori Chaplains until this matter is clarified by the Ministry of Health Head Office.

This and that

An occasional sheet of ICHC interest



Rev Young Jun You and his wife Sung Mee Hong , with members of the Korean Choir. Young has previously served as a chaplain at Middlemore and Waikato Hospitals. Sung Mee Hong is a Hospice nurse and will be nursing at the South Auckland Hospice.

Rev Young Jun You, is commissioned in Auckland City Hospital Chapel, by the Rev Andrew Norton, Moderator of the Auckland Presbytery, with him Rev Norman Brookes, Auckland Methodist Synod Superintendent and ICHC National Executive Officer, Ron Malpass.



Members of the Auckland Korean Choir singing in the service in the chapel.