



CHAPLAINCY MESSENGER

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

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NZHCA Conference

Reports are that the 120 chaplains and chaplaincy assistants enjoyed a very friendly, uplifting and refreshing time of sharing and learning at the conference in Rotorua. The welcome from the Mayor Kevin Winter, Local MP Todd McClay, Lakes District DHB CEO Cathy Cooney and ICHC Chairman, Dr Bryan Bang set the scene. Jenni and Gordon Wegener, the keynote speakers from Australia, and the Chaplains who led the excellent workshops, added to the atmosphere of worship and learning, and kept the Chaplains' chaplain, Sr Anne Warren very busy. The excellent venue, food, and of course the dancing – (don't those Catholic sisters love to dance?) meant everyone came away exercised in body, mind and soul and looking forward to gathering again in Christchurch in 2 years time.

Bioethical Issues and Health Care Chaplaincy in Aotearoa New Zealand

The above is the title of a research paper by Dr Lindsay B Carey of the Faculty of Health Sciences, La Trobe University, Melbourne, Australia. Lindsay visited ICHC and ran a day course for our 8 forensic mental health chaplains in July this year. He said then that the research he carried out in New Zealand with our hospital chaplains between 1998 and 2000, had not been published yet as it had been put on hold for privacy reasons. This has now been cleared with ICHC help, and is published by Springer New York, in the August edition of their international publication **Journal of Religion and Health**. It is now available on the web. New Zealand chaplains can access the electronic version of the paper by going to the site (www.springer.com/10943) but you will need a subscription access or you must pay \$43.00 to download the article. You may however persuade your hospital or DHB library to access the article for your Chaplaincy department. The direct link is <http://www.springerlink.com/content/56266g464t87x116/>

The Abstract says "This paper summarises survey and interview results from a cross sectional study of New Zealand health care chaplaincy personnel concerning involvement in multi bioethical issues encountered by patients, families and clinical staff within the health context. Some implications of this study concerning health care chaplaincy, ecclesiastical institutions, health care institutions and government responsibilities are discussed and recommendations presented.

Key words : Pastoral care – Health care chaplains – Bioethics – New Zealand."



The newly elected NZHCA Executive Committee from Left to right: Rev's Wyatt Butcher and Maureen Martin, Sr Bernadette Cheyne (President) Rev Judy Johnston Mrs Viv Thorpe (co-opted) Mr Allan Foote (representing Chaplaincy Assistants)

Annual meeting of LSP chairpersons

(or their representative) with the ICHC Trust Board.

We still need to receive response sheets from LSP's so we can cater for this event in Wellington. ICHC will reimburse the cost of travel to and from Wellington for one representative. Please make your air bookings etc as early as possible to take advantage of cheap fares. We have had some suggestions for the programme. Please could LSP's advise the name of their representative attending the meeting by **Monday 13 September**.

Staff Movements

Welcome back to **Rev Michelle Shin**, Chaplain at Northshore Hospital, from 12 months leave without pay, while doing a year's CPE training in USA. We thank Rev Ian Hanley who has provided locum cover during Michelle's absence.

Welcome to **Esther Saldana** B Sc. A former teacher, Lay Missionary and Pastoral Care worker, who has recently completed a CPE course, and has been appointed as a part-time (15 hours per week) **Catholic Chaplain at Hutt Hospital**. Esther also Co-ordinates the "Seasons for Growth" grief recovery programme for the Wellington Catholic Diocese.

National Staff Movements in September

National Executive Officer

- 3 Sept Finance meeting Wellington
- 9 Sept Visiting Timaru Chaplain, LSP and Hospital management
- 10 Sept Attending Southern Chaplains Regional training Day at Dunedin Hospital
- 19 Sept Attending "Chaplaincy Week" launch in Hamilton
- 22 Sept Attending Whangarei Hospital Chaplains 21st celebrations
- 23 Sept ICHC Executive Committee meeting in Wellington
- 26 Sept Preaching at Chaplaincy Week Service at Wesley Upper Hutt
- 29 Sept Attending meeting with chaplains and hospital management, Auckland City Hospital

National Administrator/Trainer

- 3 Sept Finance meeting Wellington
- 8 -9 Sept Visiting Southland LSP, AGM, Chaplains, Hospital management
- 10 Sept Attending Southern Chaplains Regional training Day at Dunedin Hospital
- 14-15 Sept with Northshore Hospital Chaplaincy team at Vaughan Park
- 17-19 Sept "on call" Hutt Hospital
- 22 Sept Attending Whangarei Hospital Chaplains 21st celebrations
- 23 Sept ICHC Executive Committee meeting in Wellington
- 28 Sept with Middlemore Hospital Chaplaincy team
- 29 Sept Attending meeting with chaplains and hospital management, Auckland City Hospital

Hospital Chaplaincy Week

The letter about Chaplaincy Week sent to all Members of Parliament by our ICHC Trust Board Chairman, Dr Bryan Bang, has resulted in an increased response from MP's this year. The mayor of Hamilton and several MP's have accepted the invitation to attend the opening service on Sunday 19th September at St Peter's Anglican Cathedral in Hamilton, while other MP's have indicated they are willing to attend any functions or events being held by the Hospital Chaplaincy Services in their own areas. The service in Hamilton starts at 9.45 am.

Chaplaincy Appeal Envelopes and Posters

In the past week all the appeal posters and envelopes have been dispatched to parishes, LSP's and Chaplaincies. There are no spare copies this year, but we do have some spare envelopes from last year's appeal that we can send out as extras.

Touchstone

"Touchstone" the Methodist Church monthly paper for September has carried on its front page a picture and an account of a day in the life of a Hospital Chaplain at Hawke's Bay Hospital. There are further items on Hospital Chaplaincy week on page 8.

Leaflets

We have plenty of copies of the our ICHC leaflets **Hospital Chaplaincy** about what chaplaincy offers to patients and their family and how people can help the chaplaincy service; and **The Role of the Chaplain** about what chaplains do and the competencies needed to be a chaplain. If you would like copies of these leaflets to distribute during chaplaincy week please let us know.



Ron Malpass
National Executive Officer

Thought for the month:

"There is both visible and invisible labour. To contemplate is to toil, to think is to do. The crossed arms work, the clasped hands act. The eyes upturned to heaven are an act of creation." Victor Hugo (1862)