



# CHAPLAINCY MESSENGER

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

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In April I mentioned the excellent work of the Christchurch Chaplains following the February 22 earthquake. The team came together from their 5 hospitals to work from Christchurch Public Hospital through to the end of March. Here is a photo of the team including Chaplaincy Assistants and their hospital manager Joy Sixtus.

Left to right: Moega Lasei, Wendy Parris, Pam Tizzard, Martha-King-Tamihana, Mary Hanrhan, Hilary Barlow, Steve McMillan, Helen Gray, Joy Sixtus and Reg Miller.

Not on duty at Christchurch Public Hospital when the photo was taken were Wyatt Butcher, Winston Marshall, Irene Jones, Jenny Rooney and Peter Farrant



## Snippets from the ICHC Executive Committee meeting

- The recommendations of the independent Stipend and Review Group were considered.
  - It was agreed that from 1 July 2011 the Stipend for a Hospital Chaplain will increase by 1.7%.
  - Most Housing Allowances will increase. Chaplains are reminded that when completing their tax returns a portion of the Housing Allowance may be considered as non-taxable, provided that one room of their house is set aside as a study or office for work purposes. NB where a Chaplain is provided with an office at the hospital it is expected that chaplaincy work will normally be carried out at the Hospital.
  - The allowance payable to Accredited Chaplains will increase to \$2,256 p.a and will now be adjusted annually with the Stipend.
  - The Ministry Enhancement allowance will increase by 4%.
  - Mileage re-imbusement rates continue at .36c per Km.
  - The Ministry of Health Subsidy. Unless otherwise advised following the Government budget in May, the funding for basic Ecumenical and Catholic subsidies will be increased from 1 July. These subsidies are currently being recalculated to reflect the commitment to maintaining 1 Full-time Chaplain to 180-220 hospital beds. LSP's can expect to receive this information at the beginning of June.
  - Noting that despite the September Christchurch Earthquake and the economic recession, the 2010 National Chaplaincy Appeal had provided a slight increase in giving to the Chaplaincies, the budget for the 2011 National Chaplaincy Appeal Week will be similar to last year. This year's appeal will be held from 18 – 25 September.
  - Requested that in preparing the ICHC's 2011/12 budget consideration be given to:
    - a continued contribution to building the refreshment leave fund;
    - continued funding for CPE courses to assist Chaplains to become accredited within 5 years of appointment and training grants for Accredited Chaplains to pursue professional development
- LSPs and Chaplains will receive a full copy of the new rates including pro-rata rates for part-time Chaplains as soon as they are available.

## “A Place of Springs” by Sr Bernadette Rodgers

The ICHC Trust Board Executive Committee has been so impressed by Sr Bernadette’s book that it has purchased the remaining stock from her, so that a copy can be sent to each of our chaplains. They trust that you will read it and share it with your Chaplaincy Assistants and encourage others who might be interested in the Hospital Chaplaincy ministry. A copy is being sent to chaplains with this messenger.

## Alternatives to CPE Training

The ICHC Executive Committee has extended the time for receipt of submissions or comments on Dr Edwards report on various options to CPE. Other proposals for the training of chaplains as a pathway to accreditation will be considered. The final date is now 31 August.

## Welcome

### Mrs Fiona Bayliss, BA

Commenced as the new Administrative Assistant in the ICHC Office Wellington on 2 May. Fiona has extensive administrative experience in working in both business and Church offices. And no she isn’t Ian’s daughter but she is related by marriage.

Fiona replaces Doreen Hakeagaiki who left in March.



## National Staff Movements in May

### National Executive Officer

- 8 May Commissioning of Rev Joan Ross, as Ecumenical Chaplain at Wairarapa Hospital and DHB
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- 18-19 May Meetings with Chaplains and LSP Committee at Dunedin Hospital

**Still to be arranged** : A number of other appointments are yet to be finalised

## Staff Movements

### Appointments

**Rev Murray Elliot, Baptist**, to Ecumenical Chaplain, Taranaki Base Hospital and DHB. Murray will commence on 1 August. (He is currently a chaplain at Palmerston North)

**Rev Craig Venables, Baptist**, to part-time Ecumenical Chaplain, Whangarei Hospital and Northland DHB. Craig has already taken up his duties.

**Rev Wyatt Butcher, Baptist**, to full-time Ecumenical Chaplain, covering Canterbury DHB Mental Health Services and Burwood Hospital. ( Wyatt was previously part-time Ecumenical Chaplain to CDHB Mental Health Services).

**Rev Helen Gray, Anglican**, is now full-time Chaplain to Maori in the Canterbury DHB.

### Retirement

**Rev Martha King-Tamihana, Anglican**, .25 Chaplain to Maori Canterbury DHB. This was Martha’s second retirement as she retired from the half-time role a number of years ago, but later returned.

### Vacancies

- half-time Ecumenical Chaplain at Palmerston North
  - half-time Ecumenical Chaplain at Hawke’s Bay Regional Hospitals
- Advertisements for these positions are enclosed with this Messenger.

Ron Malpass  
National Executive Officer

#### Thought for the month:

“The world is full of suffering. It is also full of the overcoming of it.”

Helen Keller (1880-1968)

NB Helen was the first deaf and blind person to earn a Bachelor of Arts degree