



CHAPLAINCY MESSENGER

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

Vol 12 # 7 2 September 2011

Chaplaincy Week 18-25 September, "Comfort in crisis"

The official launch will be on **Sunday 18th** September in the **Christ Church, Anglican Cathedral in Nelson** at 10am. You are most welcome to come and join us if you are in Nelson that day. An invitation has been extended to the local MP's, Mayor's and Councilors to attend. This year we are celebrating and giving thanks for 39 years of Hospital Chaplaincy service that is provided in partnership between the churches and the New Zealand Government.

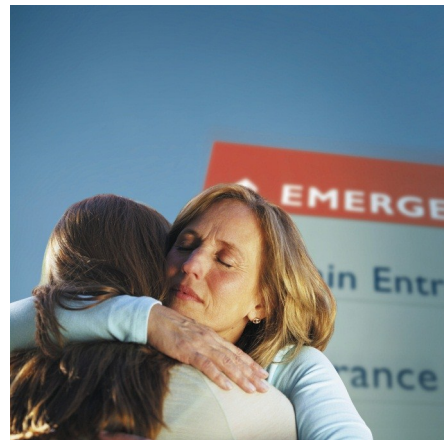
Appeal posters and envelopes delayed by snow

The bad weather including snow during the week 15-19 August delayed the arrival in Wellington of the 56 boxes of Appeal material to be repackaged and dispatched to 2000 churches and hospitals throughout the country. Our volunteers who had committed themselves to be free to help that week, kindly re-arranged their lives to be able to help the following week. We trust that by the time you read this you will have received your supplies for chaplaincy week. If not, please let us know. We should be able to supply you with some more Appeal envelopes. We also have a few A3 posters and some A4 posters available.

Service Agreement Renewals

Catriona has had a challenging first two months. The number of "missing statistics" has seen her checking that each Chaplaincy Assistant and trainee listed on the statistics register has a current Service Agreement and Job Description or Training Agreement.

Shortly she will send to each Supervising Chaplain a list of Chaplaincy Assistants who need new Service Agreements, and a list of those still on the register who appear to have stopped visiting. This is important as the ICHC Executive Committee prepares to review its indemnity insurance.



Comment on this year's poster

Comments have been made that it is hard to distinguish which of the people on the poster is the Chaplain. The photo is not about a chaplain, but about 2 women hugging to give comfort to each other, or to give one some comfort and reassurance. Those from Christchurch involved in selecting the graphic thought it fitted well with what people did in Christchurch after the earthquakes and on the West Coast after the Pike River disaster. Indeed, it is what many people are still needing as they seek hope, healing, wholeness and the restoring of harmony in their lives.

The posters are essentially for the public to see, they are not aimed at the patients and staff in hospitals. This year we did manage to get a photo of a chaplain included. A photo of the Rev Hilary Barlow, chaplain at Christchurch Women's Hospital is in the Appeal envelope saying "The more hugs you give away, the more you have to give. It's really about being there". Hilary's photo will also appear in the advertisements in the NZ Listener.

**Annual meeting of LSP chairpersons
(or their representative)
with the ICHC Trust Board.**

**Tuesday 1 November - Guest Speaker Kerri Tilby -
Price**

Thanks to those who have contacted us with suggestions for the programme. Fundraising is clearly an on-going issue for a number of LSP's coming out of their completing their strategic plans and having a need to raise further funding. We are delighted to have been able to secure **Kerri Tilby-Price, CEO of EXULT – Practical Resources for Community Groups**, as our keynote speaker. Kerri is also editor of the quarterly magazine "Tonic – the seriously good guide to fundraising" which provides fresh thinking for community groups. She also organizes the Tonic two day Conferences on fundraising and fresh thinking, which are held in Tauranga each November. Margaret Poynton and I attended one last year. Kerri is a dynamic speaker and combines her experience in teaching, journalism, business and community work, to empower others and to celebrate (Exult means celebrate) the passionate people who are creating change in our communities, and discovering the change that can occur when one person decides to make a difference." Kerri and her husband Rob have 6 children between them and are actively involved in their children's schools and activities.

Please return your attendance form to ICHC if you haven't already done so.

Office Staff Movements in September

National Executive Officer

- 1-4 Sep UCANZ (Uniting Congregations of Aotearoa New Zealand) Forum in Motueka
- 14 Sep Wellington Regional Chaplaincy dinner at ICHC office
- 17-18 Sep in Nelson for Chaplaincy Appeal Week launch at Nelson Anglican Cathedral
- 20 Sep 9.30 am Commissioning Rev Sande Ramage at Palmerston North Hospital
- 29 Sep meeting with Chaplain, LSP and Hospital management at Timaru Hospital
- Evening Commissioning service for Chaplaincy Assistants, Dunedin Hospital
- 30 Sep Southern Regional training day at Dunedin Hospital
- Evening attending Christchurch LSP AGM

National Administrator / Training facilitator

- 14 Sep Wellington Regional Chaplaincy dinner at ICHC office
- 20 Sep 9.30 am Commissioning Rev Sande Ramage at Palmerston North Hospital
- 29 Sep meeting with Chaplain, LSP and Hospital management at Timaru Hospital
- Evening Commissioning service for Chaplaincy Assistants, Dunedin Hospital
- 30 Sep Southern Regional training day at Dunedin Hospital
- Evening attending Christchurch LSP AGM



Ron Malpass
National Executive Officer

Staff Movements

Resignations

Rev Dianne Neilson, Anglican, Ecumenical Chaplain, Whakatane Hospital. Dianne has advised that she will retire on Christmas Eve after 13 years as Chaplain at Whakatane Hospital.

Rev John McCaul, Anglican, Ecumenical Chaplain, Hutt Hospital. John has advised he will retire in February 2012 after 20 years as Chaplain at Hutt Hospital.

Vacancies

Full-time positions at **Hutt and Whakatane Hospitals** are being advertised with this Chaplaincy Messenger applications close Friday 7 October 2011.

The vacancy for a Chaplain to the Forensic Mental Health Units plus being a CPE Trainer at **Porirua Hospital**, is being re-advertised with this Chaplaincy Messenger applications close Friday 16 October .

Thought for the month:

"Courage is contagious. When a brave person takes a stand, the spines of others are often stiffened". **Billy Graham**