



Hi everyone

Tēnā koutou katoa from the executive committee of NZ Healthcare Chaplains Association: Te Whakaruru mō ngā Minita Hauora o Aotearoa, your Professional Association.

Who are we?

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Bio links here:

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We would like to connect better with two aims: To support the development of the chaplaincy profession in Aotearoa NZ, and your personal and professional development as a chaplain.

Our news:

1. Constitution Ratification
2. Webpage and Calendar of Events
3. 60 years and counting
4. Spiritual Care Australia
5. AGM and Conference
6. Invitation
7. Te Rā o Waitangi — Waitangi Day

1. Constitution

Thank you to everyone who participated in the special meeting to ratify our Constitution. This is now in the process of being finalised with Charities Services.

2. Webpage and Calendar of Events

<https://www.nzhealthcarechaplains.org.nz/>

Please check out the new webpage to keep up to date with events such as Executive meetings, webinars, and Community of Practice opportunities.

3. 60th Anniversary of NZHCA

As the longest standing Chaplaincy organisation in Aotearoa NZ, we stand on the shoulders of the many people who have gone before. There will be a celebration of the milestones, and where we are today at a 60th year celebration webinar on March 25th. We invite your presence and contributions. We are keen to share photographs of past events. Please contact us if you have photographs or a memory you would like to share.

4. Spiritual Care Australia

It is fitting on our 60th anniversary, that NZHCA is finalising a broader, simpler, fit for purpose professional credentialing for NZHCA members, through Spiritual Care Australia (SCA). Details are being finalised as you read.

The MOU (Memorandum of Understanding) with SCA, will bring further professional development opportunities for our members, while retaining our identity, grounded in Aotearoa New Zealand. Benefits to members include a wider network for spiritual and pastoral care, members rates for SCA webinars and conference. You can read about credentialing on the NZHCA website.

5. AGM and Online Conference

Plans are underway for an AGM and on-line conference in September. We plan to have an interesting and inspiring line up of speakers. Keep an eye on the NZHCA website events page for a programme.

6. Invitation

We work for you and would like to hear how we can do this better. Your Executive invite contributions of Māori expertise and representation, also from Pacifica, and/or who are located in Auckland, Top of the South, and Southland. If you would like to be co-opted to the Executive, we would value your support and input. We meet monthly and are a friendly crew! We share the work according to who has capacity.

If you let us know you're interested through the contact form on the website, we can phone you to discuss this further. Alternatively, phone Kate on 0272642755.

The Executive Committee is excited about what 2026 holds for NZHCA and its members.

7. Te Rā o Waitangi — Waitangi Day

Because of the Christian involvement in the signing of Te Tiriti, and the Gospel mission to bring about a better world, we can mark Waitangi as a significant spiritual event: a time to pray for the land and its peoples. We can give thanks for the gift of being here, ask forgiveness for the wrongs of our history from which some have benefitted, and some have lost, and re-commit ourselves to work for a more just society.' (Gerry Burns' Waitangi homily, 2019).

Waitangi Day Prayer - He Īnoi mō te Rā o Waitangi

We pray O God for the Peoples of this Land, for the Māori People the Tangata Whenua, for the Pākehā People,

E Īnoi ana mātou, e te Atua, mō ngā Iwi o ēnei Whenua, mō te Iwi Māori, te Tangata Whenua, mō te Iwi Pākehā,

for the honouring of their covenanting together in Te Tiriti o Waitangi

mō tā rātou mahitahi ki te whakahōnore i te kawenata o te Tiriti o Waitangi,

for all the diversity of migrant peoples, for our ancestors and for those to follow after us.

mō ngā tini āhuatanga o ngā manene, mō ō mātou tūpuna, ā mō ngā whakatupuranga e whai mai i a mātou.

(Adapted from <https://www.faithcentral.org.nz>)

“Thanks be to God whose power working in us can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine.” Eph 3:20

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