



President's Report

Kia ora Whānau, I take this opportunity to thank NZHCA executive committee for their contribution to the work to Chaplaincy. The committee has organised a Webinar on 14th November and you are invited to join. The details are in this C-Mail.

The executive committee continues to meet with Barry Fisk (CE, ICHC) on regular basis and talk about further working together to serve the Lord.

A number of us would have spent quality time with grandchildren/family during these holidays and appreciated huge blessings that our heavenly Father has bestowed upon us.

Chaplains and VCAs have been blessed to care for patients, staff, and their families, and provide support when they are vulnerable. It is a great opportunity for us, and I count it as a blessing.

I came across an encouraging Chaplain's blessing and share this on page 5.

Blessings,
Ngā mihi nui,
Rev Amail Habib
Ko te Atua te wai o te ora | God is the River of LIFE



Te reo name for NZHCA

At the Biennial General Meeting (BGM) held in October 2022, the Māori caucus discussed two possibilities for the new Māori name for NZHCA. This is the background to the remit presented to the October 2023 NZHCA BGM:

Māori name for the association

The New Zealand healthcare Chaplains association shall adopt a Māori Name, chosen by the Māori members attending the conference from the two presented options. The chosen name shall be henceforth incorporated into the name of the Association.

Rationale

This action was determined several conferences ago in order to fully reflect the importance of the Treaty of Waitangi and the association's commitment to treaty principles. Over multiple years several names have been suggested but none have met with support from the members. The current executive was charged with bringing a name or names to this conference at the last BGM.

The executive presents two names for consideration:

The first was proposed by our retiring Kaumatua Kevin Thompson as a direct translation of the existing English language name of the association:

- *Te Kahui Minita Hauora ki Aotearoa*

The alternative choice was presented by a Māori language and culture scholar:

- *Te Kahui Whakaruruhau o Aotearoa*

The name is comprised mainly of the two words: Kahui; meaning a flock, herd, or closely-knit company, and whakaruruhau; meaning to shelter, protect, advise, or mentor.



After discussion, there was a merger of the two suggestions, and this is the name the Māori caucus proposed - ***Te Whakaruruhau mō ngā Minita Hauora o Aotearoa***. This name was approved by the Executive. As we did not have a quorum of members for voting at the BGM members were further polled by email and sufficient votes in favour of the new name were obtained to ratify it.

The Executive is now looking at the process for developing a new logo and rebranding the NZHCA website and associated documentation.

***‘Te Whakaruruhau mō ngā Minita
Hauora o Aotearoa’***

Webinar – ★November 14 2023★ – Save the date!

NZHCA's upcoming zoom features guest speakers Rachel Wilson (Speech Language Therapist) and Jane Wulff (Transition Chaplain, Nelson Hospital) sharing their knowledge and expertise on how to provide pastoral/spiritual care for patients who are unable to communicate verbally.

A zoom invitation will be emailed out to members before the end of October. The webinar is free for members and \$20 for non-members.



Expressions of interest – C-Mail editor



Our C-Mail editor Jacqui Tuffnell is busy with her PhD and is asking for expressions of interest from members who might have some time on their hands to produce C-Mail on a quarterly basis.

Please contact Jacqui at tuffnell.jacqueline@gmail.com if you are interested in knowing more about what the role involves.

The Reverend Barbara Walker's new venture

The Reverend Barbara Walker featured in the Southland Times recently with her new venture setting up a rural chaplaincy service. Read the article here:

<https://tinyurl.com/36smexbd>



Joint Research Council

Speakers Mark Newitt and Chris Swift (UK) spoke on the topic of “Boundaries and Dual Roles in healthcare chaplaincy” at the September meeting of the Council. Their presentation was based on published work: *Boundaries and Dual Relationships Within Chaplaincy Care: Reflections Following a Case Review* published in *Health & Social Care Chaplaincy*. 2023, Vol. 11 Issue 1, p24-39. 16p authored by Mark Newitt, Martin Kerry, Julian Perkins and Louise Yaull. As outlined in the abstract, their article explores the related issues of boundaries and dual relationships within health and social care chaplaincy. The article begins by noting a tension between an understanding of pastoral care as having unstated and flexible boundaries and the clear statements from professional bodies that boundaries



help the effective functioning of caring and supportive relationships. In a discussion of boundary-setting issues in relation to the expectations of both patients and chaplains, the article touches on the use of social media, before looking in more detail at dual relationships. The article argues that, while chaplaincy boundaries may need to be flexible, an awareness of normal practice is vital, so that any extending of

boundaries is done consciously. In relation to this, a number of trigger points are suggested. The article recommends that individual chaplains discuss boundaries within supervision, and that teams have clear policies and protocols which articulate expectations around team working. It further recommends that the profession develops more guidance around dual relationships, and that formal supervision standards are set and audited.

No-one dies alone initiative at Rotorua Hospital



A new initiative at Rotorua Hospital was covered in the media recently. The “No-one dies alone” initiative ensures that people without family or friends to be with them at the end of their life can be accompanied by a volunteer. Read more here:

<https://tinyurl.com/59pjerjz>

In international news:

While NZ has the End-of-Life Choice Act which became law in November 2022, other countries are still wrestling with the issues around hastening the end of life. This article is about Scottish faith leaders speaking out against what they call ‘assisted suicide.’

<https://rcpolitics.org/scottish-faith-leaders-speak-out-against-assisted-suicide/>

In local news:

NZ research has shown that mixed-gender hospital rooms undermine patient dignity and security. What is your experience of mixed gender rooms? Do you agree with the researchers? Note the different perspectives across the three media reports below:

<https://www.rnz.co.nz/national/programmes/ninetoonoon/audio/2018909486/call-to-ban-mixed-gender-hospital-rooms>

<https://www.1news.co.nz/2023/10/04/dignity-and-safety-are-mixed-gender-hospital-rooms-an-issue/#:~:text=It%20comes%20after%20University%20of,even%20assault%2C%22%20she%20said.>

<https://www.nzherald.co.nz/kahu/call-for-single-gender-hospital-rooms-to-protect-human-rights-new-report/CFVSTEUIUZEADPOJ7LFASBD33A/>

A Chaplain's Blessing (by Andrea Hawkins-Kamper)

This work is not all prayers and beautiful moments, nor is it laments and trauma. It's not even both/and, because this work is something greater than you, greater than us, greater than the whole of those we serve.

This work is a calling. And we're doing it. Day after day, night after night, page after page, visit after visit, we are doing the hard and holy work to which we are all called.

That matters.

That fact matters because when we feel we did not do enough, or we did not care enough, or we did not do something enough, still we were there. In that moment. With that patient. Or that family. Giving. Loving. Ministering.

You. Me. Us.

Ministers and chaplains, holy witnesses to the Divine in all of its messy humanity.

Us. We did it, we are doing it, we will do it again.



And every time we do, it will be enough, for we cannot give more than we have, and for us, we give what we can when there is nobody else to give. And that is enough. And so are you. You are enough. We are always enough.

May it be well with you, and may it be well with those souls entrusted in our care, for however fleeting a moment. May it be well.

Amen.

South Pacific College – Certificate in Chaplaincy, leading to the New Zealand Certificate in Christian Studies (Level 5)

The Certificate in Chaplaincy is for people passionate about helping others through life's ups and downs. This programme provides training and upskilling for professionals and volunteers already supporting and pastoring others in their role, as well as students wanting to enter this field.

This certificate will comprise the following four courses:

CMN501 Chaplaincy Foundations (15 Credits)

Students will gain an understanding of the role of a chaplain, as distinct from other jobs such as minister, coach, or counsellor. Students will also explore chaplaincy environments in New Zealand, such as interfaith settings and agency work, and relevant implications for practice.

CMN502 Chaplaincy Spiritual Practices (15 Credits)

Avoiding burnout and achieving longevity needs a careful approach. This course provides a framework of ethics, boundaries, and life habits to assist chaplains in preserving their spiritual, emotional and mental health while serving others.

CMN503 Chaplaincy Pastoral Care (15 Credits)

One of the most powerful skills of a good chaplain is their ability to listen effectively, and to be present with people in their time of need. In this course, students will gain the tools and techniques required to master these essential capabilities.

CMN504 Chaplaincy Practicum (15 Credits)

Participating in and reflecting on a real-world chaplaincy placement, students will integrate the knowledge and concepts taught in the above courses and embed them into their practice. Guest practitioners will share further real-world perspectives from various chaplaincy settings, in online learning sessions.

See <https://www.spbc.org.nz/study/courses/CertCH> for more information.



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Websites of Interest

ERIC: <https://www.pastoralezorg.be/page/erich/>

Transforming Chaplaincy: <https://www.transformchaplaincy.org/>

Chaplaincy Innovation Lab: <https://chaplaincyinnovation.org/>

Nathaniel Centre: The NZ Catholic Bioethics Centre: <http://www.nathaniel.org.nz/>

Spiritual Care Australia: <https://www.spiritualcareaustralia.org.au/>

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