

ICHC QUARTERLY

The Word From The Wards...

Kia ora, faithful donors

With Christmas fast approaching, I reflect on the past year's achievements. This newsletter will contain some stories of training that our Chaplains have attended.

Throughout the year, our chaplains have demonstrated resilience and stepped into a number of traumatic events. We value your contribution to our ministry, which allows our Chaplains to help bring hope and peace. I was in hospital recently and can vouch for the quality care I received from our chaplains who visited me.

With the commercialisation of Christmas, I'm reminded of the candy cane story. Wishing you a fantastic Christmas and New Year.

From my family to you and yours

Yours in Christ

Barry Fisk
CEO

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Shepherd's Staff
Jesus is the good Shepherd and His sheep hear and follow His voice

Letter "J"
Jesus Christ is the promised Saviour

White Candy
Our sins were washed away by the sacrifice of a sinless Saviour

Red Stripes
Christ's blood was shed for us on the cross





Te Tiriti o Waitangi Training

In late October, 70 Hospital Chaplains gathered in Wellington for a two-day Te Tiriti o Waitangi Training event, presented by Te Ata Kura Educators. The training included the spirit, provisions, principles and implementation of Te Tiriti. There were group exercises where chaplains role-played a treaty debate, examining where we all fit into the Treaty texts, and what we could all do to further honour Te Tiriti in our workplaces. Many of us were amazed how much we needed to unlearn or reconsider. There are numerous myths and misunderstandings to navigate and it was great to have a perspective that highlighted the positive role Christians had in shaping the Treaty. We now have the privileged opportunity to implement our learning over the weeks ahead!



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Te Tiriti Workshop in Wellington

Competency Framework Workshops

= Aiming for Excellence!

We've held Competency Framework workshops for our Hospital Chaplains across Aotearoa this month. Workshops have been held in Taupo, Auckland, Palmerston North and Christchurch. The aim of the workshops is to introduce a framework of Core Competencies for Hospital Chaplains in Aotearoa New Zealand so that we maintain the highest standards of care for the patients, whanau, and staff that Chaplains encounter in our public Hospitals.

Work on the competencies was drafted by an experienced team of Hospital Chaplains and the document created is a treasure (Taonga) to the ministry of Hospital Chaplaincy in Aotearoa NZ. Collectively we will be continuing to develop and enhance the framework as we apply it to our professional practice. Our donors financial and prayer support is helping us to enhance the care we provide!

Thank you for partnering with us.



Competency Framework Workshop—Central Region

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The power of prayer (notes from a Chaplain)

I was requested to bless a theatre in the delivery suite following a newborn's death. The Midwife declared her Atheist beliefs but thought it would make the staff feel better when using the theatre next time. Although she was reluctant to stay, I encouraged her to do so, then she could let the staff know this has happened.

At the end she said it was different to what she had thought would happen. She appreciated that I not only prayed for the little one and her parents but that I had respected what the staff had experienced. It made a difference!



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