

Hawke's Bay Hospital Chaplaincy Report for Waiapu Synod Report 2013 Rev Barbara Walker QSO, and Rev. Pelly Pirikahu

The last twelve months have been wonderful, challenging, hard, special and at times, truly amazing. We continue to thank God daily for calling us to serve Him in the busy ministry of Hospital Chaplaincy.

We constantly find ourselves asking the question what would Jesus do? and other times we ask the question "What did Jesus do? as Christ is certainly the role model chaplain who ministered to those who He met on His journey.

Our Team.

We welcomed **Pastor Herman Godinet** on to the team in his new role of a .1 (4 hours per week.) Chaplain and it has been wonderful to see his local church The Equippers Church Hastings supporting him financially and in prayer. We are grateful for the team of Volunteer Chaplaincy Assistants who assist the Chaplains by visiting patients in the wards, help with the Saturday rounds and helping with the Sunday Services.

Margaret Harding the part time Catholic Chaplain and her three Volunteer Chaplaincy Assistants provide the spiritual care for the Catholic patients. We have two locum chaplains, **Rev Margaret Hall and Rev Numia Tomoana** who cover when the ecumenical chaplains are on holiday.

Waipukurau

As Central Hawke's Bay Medical Centre is part of the Hawke's Bay District Health Board we endeavour to visit on a fortnightly basis. This is not always possible due to many factors, but it gives us the opportunity to continue pastoral and spiritual care for patients that we have met in hospital .

Parliamentary Visits

This year our Chaplaincy service was involved when **Prime Minister John Key** visited the hospital for the opening of the new hospital theatre. Pelly was involved in the blessing along with Maori Health.

Another highlight came later in the year when **Hon Jo Goodhew Associate Minister of Health** took up an invitation from Barbara to come and spend sometime with the chaplaincy team staff, and as well as a patient to hear first hand about the ministry of the chaplaincy service within the Hawke's Bay District Health Board. Over a number of hours the minister heard about our ministry as chaplains, in the various departments, and wards where we frequently minister. Input from Consultants, Clinical Nurse Managers, Duty Managers, a patient and his wife , all provided her with a wonderful picture of what happens within our hospital, twenty four hours a day, seven days a week. After hearing this she stated that the **Hawke's Bay Hospital Chaplaincy Service is of a Gold standard** and a model for other chaplaincy services around NZ. As staff, and colleagues, heard of Jo's comments about the hospital's chaplaincy the words "**I had no idea**" **echoed throughout the building.**

Professional development.

Pelly continues her journey of accreditation, having passed the second stage during the year, and now has the third and final stage in her sights. Barbara completed her accreditation in December 2012 and is now an Accredited Hospital Chaplain which is a requirement of the Ministry of Health.

The Bi-annual New Zealand Health Care Chaplaincy Association Conference, the Professional Body for Health Care Chaplains in New Zealand was held in Christchurch in September 2012. One of the highlights was listening to the international expert Dr Harold Koenig, who spoke about faith and health and the importance of both. It was also very moving to hear from our fellow chaplains who shared about the impact of the Christchurch

earthquake on their ministry and them personally. During the conference the elections for office bearers for the next two years were held and Barbara was elected the **National President of the Association.**

Support.

Without the support of the Waiapu Diocese we would struggle and we want to thank you all. To the Anglican Churches, Woodford House, and many individuals, musicians who support us at times during the year with our Sunday Services, we thank you.

We also want to acknowledge and thank Doctor John Kerr for his commitment and foresight as Chair and Anglican representative on our local support committee, and Colleen Kaye who offered her services as treasurer and as the other Anglican representative.

The Future.

The Hospital Chaplaincy Service faces huge financial challenges as we continue to run at a huge loss. Barbara along with three of the committee members have spent a good deal of time over the past few months applying to trusts for funding and preparing a business case to be presented to the Hawke's Bay District Health Board, all of which limits her time with patients, families and staff.

Chaplaincy week. 22 September – 29 September.

On the 22 September the Annual National Hospital Chaplaincy Appeal week will be launched at the St Johns Cathedral at a time yet to be decided. It would such an encouragement to all Hospital Chaplaincy teams in the Waiapu Diocese to see the Cathedral full. Please mark this in your diary and bring your church family.

Cup Cakes. 23—27 September,

During this coming Chaplaincy Week we enter our fifth year of selling cup cakes in the main foyer of the hospital. This is one of our main fund raising activities for the year. We ask for your support during this time, by baking, buying or coming and helping on the stand. Please contact the chaplains office at the hospital if you are able to help in any way.

In closing, the Hawke's Bay Hospital Chaplaincy team is a vital part of the missional work of the Waiapu Diocese, we need your ongoing prayers, support and encouragement, as we daily as we minister in the name of Christ , often at the coal face of life and death

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