

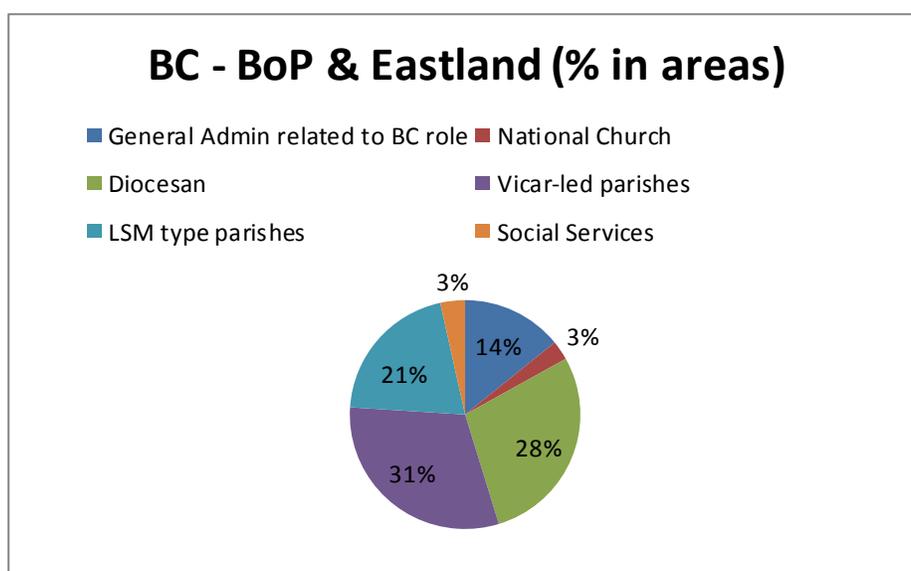
BISHOP'S CHAPLAIN: BAY OF PLENTY

REPORT TO SYNOD 2013

Over the years I have held the role of Regional Ministry Convenor and subsequently Bishop's Chaplain there has been conversation around the amount of time expended in Local Shared Ministry parishes compared with Vicar-led parishes and other diocesan tasks. For a short period I was able to track all my time to attempt to gain some more factual information and this pie graph gives some indication of the scope and spread of time over that period of time.

The average number of hours worked per week over the tracked time was 55.2 hours a week. At the time I was still Bishop's Chaplain in Eastland as well as the Bay of Plenty, however I would suggest that this is still a reasonably good example of the role.

Area of work	%
General Admin	14.15
National Church	2.74
Diocesan	28.38
Vicar-led parishes	30.73
LSM type parishes	20.53
Social Services	3.46



Eastland – until February 2103:

I completed my period working in the Eastland region on behalf of the Bishop in February 2013, handing the task over to The Reverend Stephen Donald who was installed as Bishop's Chaplain. During the latter part of 2012 I chaired the Regional Executive in Stephen Donald's absence on Study Leave.

With such a small region the opportunity to work together is one of the strengths of the region. The Regional Executive meetings each month usually formed the basis of my visits as well as chairing the Friends of Te Hapara Whānau Aroha Centre. The other regular meeting was a separate support and advisory group for the Regional Youth Facilitator. I also continued to visit parishes and engage with the clergy over the period. The end of the year saw the deconsecration of St Mark's at Te Hapara and St Barnabas' Makaraka in the Waipaoa Parish and preparations for the installation of a new vicar, The Reverend Petra Barber, at Holy Trinity, Gisborne. We enjoyed several significant occasions where the clergy combined training days with powhiri at Te Hapara to welcome new staff and celebrate with the Bishop's blessing, the newly renovated Early Childcare Centre. These were significant times in the life of the region enjoyed by all. The other special event was the reopening of St Luke's, Waerenga-a-hika after the earthquake strengthening had been completed, at which I preached and the region farewelled the Registrar, Cliff Houston.

Bay of Plenty Region:

The Bay of Plenty region has three Local Shared Ministry Parishes and a Mission of which I have oversight and 10 vicar-led parishes as well as a number of social service ventures, three rest homes and other chaplaincy positions. During the year I have worked with clergy and laity in all these settings. Inevitably there are times when some parishes and individuals need more support than at other times and this provides the joy and the variety in this ministry role, which I enjoy immensely. I regularly attend Ministry Leadership Team meetings, meeting with wardens and others from time to time, vestry meetings as required, and assist as preacher, presider, and sometimes musician at services.

This past twelve months has seen my involvement in the negotiation of the three Anglican Care rest homes chaplains moved onto the Diocesan payroll with partnership covenants between the local parish/diocese and Anglican Care, in an effort to develop a closer relationship with parishes and rest homes.

Currently I am exploring the possibility of gathering together all involved in chaplaincy in the region on a regular basis. Initial enquiries of chaplains have been positive.

I have continued to chair the Regional Youth Ministry Facilitator's Working Group on a six weekly basis, as well as ensuring the communication with and secretarial tasks of the Regional Executive are carried out.

I also ensure Clergy Training Days are organised and work with clergy and parishes as they make requests for information, resources and other pastoral conversations.

I again worked with several parishes on missional planning and the recent Regional Conference provided some very useful information for clusters of parishes to work together further into the future.

Ecumenically, I continue to chair the Joint Regional Committee of the BoP Co-operative Ventures where we have two parishes of three with the Anglicans as the co-ordinating partner. Whilst the role of the JRC has been reduced it is proving a vital group with which to continue to engage to fulfil the need to keep partners informed on the life of our co-operating ventures.

Diocesan:

On the broader diocesan scene I meet with and report to Bishop David monthly, along with the other Bishop's Chaplains and together we also meet with the Ministry Educator. As part of this role I am part of the Diocesan Leadership Team which meets several times a year.

I again assisted in the preparation of the St John's College Trust Board Application for Funding for diocesan ministry. I continue to chair the Youth and Families Committee.

I also endeavour to attend as many significant regional and diocesan gatherings as I can each year e.g. Top Parish, ordinations etc. I regularly provide copy for the Waiapu News and photographs and have recently enjoyed editing an edition while Noel Hendery was overseas.

National:

As a member of the Tikanga Pākehā Ministry Council, I am in my second term as a representative on Te Kotahitanga, the three Tikanga Ministry Board with responsibility for the governance of St John's Theological College and for recommending the distribution of St John's College Trust funds to the SJCT Board. I am also a member of the TPMC Funding Review Group which meets for three days each year to review all 15 Tikanga Pākehā applications for St John's College funding. I am grateful to the diocese for the opportunity to undertake this stimulating wider work for our church.

In summary, as I mention each year, I am again grateful for the support I receive from my husband, Arthur, who copes with my continual absences as is inevitable in this role. There are times when I can be in Ōpōtiki, usually in January, and I have appreciated being able to be part of the rich bi-cultural journey of this parish as it moves towards its 150th in 2014.

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