



## **Hospital Chaplain Report to Anglican Diocese of Waiapu**

I continue to feel honoured and privileged with my role as Chaplain here in Tairāwhiti DHB. It has been just over four years of service and getting to know our people here and I feel like one of the whanau. I have been blessed with my VCA's (Volunteer Chaplains Assistants): Currently we have 10 volunteers on the team, 2 who have recently completed their 12 week training course. They join the Catholic team, as with the recent retirement of Warren Barry the Catholic Chaplain these 2 new team members are a blessing though I must admit Warren's presence is certainly missed.

I have recently completed and passed a 17 week (CPE) Clinical Pastoral Education course in Rotorua with Ray Bloomfield. My thanks to Ray and the amazing group who shared the course with me. Attached is the report for your perusal.

LSP Committee: August 2013 Rev Fraser Paterson was elected chairman of our LSP committee. Ron Malpass and Margaret Poynton had supported me up to this time as our LSP committee had basically collapsed with some sick and unfortunately the death of one. We have been blessed to have 4 new members join our committee and things are looking up.

I had applied for an annual report of the statistics for our region but have just received notice of some big changes in our ICHC office in Wellington which maybe the reason nothing has come through at this stage. Due to the new statistic input scheme and the change to this method it has created difficulties for some of my team to the point their visits have not been recorded.

I recently applied for the position as Chaplain at the Whakatane hospital and was successful. I therefore will be taking up this position as from the 29<sup>th</sup> September, 2014.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Maureen'.

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*The purpose of life, after all is to taste experience to the utmost, to reach out eagerly without fear for newer and richer experiences*

Eleanor Roosevelt

