Local Churches. Local Chaplaincy.

Supporting compassionate care in local hospitals

Become a Heart & Soul Care Partner

An Invitation to Partner

Churches have been at the heart of hospital chaplaincy from the very beginning.

Today, 42 individual churches across New Zealand provide regular monthly or quarterly support as **Founding Heart & Soul Care Partners.** Together, they help sustain compassionate chaplaincy care in local hospitals and communities. **Our vision is to grow this network to 100 churches.**

A Growing Network

42 Founding Heart & Soul Care Partners → **100** Partner Churches Our Vision

Every day, hospital chaplains provide pastoral, emotional and spiritual support to people facing some of life's most challenging moments. Whether sitting with a patient awaiting test results, supporting a family in crisis, or encouraging a tired healthcare worker, chaplains offer a **compassionate presence** when it's needed most.

> "Everyone needs hope. Hope is such an important part of our lives."
> Jeannine Epplett, Chaplain

Why Hospital Chaplaincy Matters

Hospitals are places of healing, but they are also places where people encounter uncertainty, grief, fear, loneliness and life-changing decisions.

Hospital chaplains provide:

- Pastoral and spiritual support to patients, whānau and staff
- A listening ear
- A compassionate presence regardless of faith, culture or background

The Church's Role

Most churches are unable to maintain a regular presence inside hospitals. Chaplaincy enables churches to extend care, compassion and hope into these settings every day.

Through hospital chaplaincy, local churches are helping ensure that people in their communities have access to pastoral and spiritual support during some of the most vulnerable moments of their lives.

Simply put:

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What is a Heart & Soul Care Partner?

Heart & Soul Care Partners are churches that provide ongoing support to help sustain hospital chaplaincy in their local area.

Regular monthly or quarterly giving provides a strong and sustainable foundation for chaplaincy, enabling hospitals, chaplains and local programmes to plan with confidence and continue serving those who need support most.

Today, **42 churches** across New Zealand already provide regular support for chaplaincy. We are grateful for their faithful partnership and recognise them as our **Founding Heart & Soul Care Partners.**

Our vision is to **grow this network to 100 churches**, strengthening the long-term sustainability of chaplaincy in communities throughout New Zealand.

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Supporting Local Chaplaincy

One of the distinctive features of the Heart & Soul Care Partners programme is its local focus.

Support from churches helps strengthen chaplaincy services within their own regions and communities.

This allows churches to see the impact of their partnership close to home and strengthens the connection between local congregations and the hospital ministry they help sustain.

Frequently asked Questions

How much are churches expected to give?

We recognise that every church is different. Churches are encouraged to support chaplaincy at a level that is appropriate to their size and circumstances.

While some churches may choose to make a significant commitment, others may begin with a more modest contribution. What matters most is a commitment to ongoing partnership through regular giving.

Will our support really make a difference?

Absolutely! Regular support helps provide a sustainable foundation for chaplaincy, enabling chaplains to continue serving patients, whānau and healthcare staff throughout the year.

Are funds used locally?

Yes! Support from Heart & Soul Care Partners helps strengthen chaplaincy services within their own regions and communities by supporting the chaplaincy programme in their closest hospital.

What if we already support chaplaincy with a regular gift?

Thank you! Existing church supporters are a vital part of this ministry and will be recognised as valued members of the Heart & Soul Care Partner network.

Partnership Benefits

As a Heart & Soul Care Partner, your church will receive:

- Quarterly *Heart & Soul* updates
- Stories of chaplaincy impact
- Ministry news and prayer points
- Opportunities to connect with local chaplaincy staff



Join A Growing Movement

Churches have been supporting hospital chaplaincy for generations. Through the Heart & Soul Care Partners initiative, we are inviting more churches to join this ministry.

By becoming a Heart & Soul Care Partner, your church can help sustain compassionate chaplaincy care in local hospitals and communities.

Our vision is to see 100 churches partnering together through regular monthly or quarterly giving, ensuring patients, whānau and healthcare staff continue to receive care, compassion and hope when they need it most.

Whether your church is large or small, urban or rural, every partnership helps strengthen and sustain chaplaincy care in local hospitals and communities.

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www.hospitalchaplaincy.org.nz