

Healing Report for year ended 30 June 2019

Summary

Healing matters have been ticking over slowly and not as fast as we would have liked. Volunteers in the Healing Committee have been tied up with their other commitments so have had limited time to spare. It has been a year of consolidation with some of the previous work and procedures being adjusted and improved. Trainer procedures have been revised in response to feedback from members. Healer applications and police checks have been processed as received.

Spiritual Healer Numbers

Healers as at 1 July 2018	58
New Registered Healers	3
New Provisional Healers (trainees)	3
Passed over	-3
Moved from churches/organisations	-4
Resignations	-1
Total number of Spiritual Healers 30 June	56

Healer & Trainer Processes

Our Training Co-ordinator resigned early in the financial year and considerable effort went into identifying and recruiting someone else with suitable adult training and spiritual healing experience that could replace her. Unfortunately nobody was found with the spare time to take on the role. It was eventually decided to change our training procedures to run without this role.

In response to feedback at the last retreat and from spiritual healer trainers at some churches, training processes and trainer job description were reviewed and changed to reflect more autonomy and less prescription for the trainers. The review also removed the Training Co-ordinator role and spread the remaining responsibilities to other members of the Healing Sub-committee.

The revised healing processes were reviewed with the Christchurch and Nelson trainers in person, when we went on promotional trips to their cities.

Due to lack of available time, nobody on the Committee was identified to schedule and co-ordinate the on-line support meetings for the trainers. As a consequence, these have not started. If anyone is interested in helping out with this, please let one of the Committee know.

Spiritual healing trainers have been identified in South Auckland, Waikato, Hawkes Bay, Manawatu, Upper Hutt and Christchurch to date.

Healing Newsletter

A Spiritual Healer Newsletter was distributed to all spiritual healers in September. It talked about the current benefits available to healers, the changes to application process to become a healer, and the learnings we could take from the coroner's report into a suicide where the victim was being supported by a soul healer.

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Training Manual

Very little progress has been made on the healing manual due to other priorities.

Trainers are continuing to train using their existing resources.

Police Checks

In order to help ensure public safety when having a healing session, spiritual healers are required to attain a satisfactory police check every 5 years. Twenty-two Spiritual Healers were police-vetted during last financial year.

Reminders sent to healers via email received a very low response so we have reviewed our procedures in that area also.

The Year Ahead

A major priority will be to focus on getting the first part of the healing manual completed, reviewed and made available to trainers. It can then be used as a template for others to help compile other sections.

We are also keen to get the trainer meetings underway, as resources to co-ordinate them are found.

We have an issue with people no longer remaining healers but still having their healing certificates. We feel we need to be able to give the public some assurance that someone is still a qualified healer with us, so will consult with healing members about how this might be achieved. This will be even more important if we ever have to de-register someone. One option might be to have an enquiry function on our website.

We'd like to take this opportunity to thank those trainers and healers in our communities who are continuing to volunteer their time and knowledge to help others. We thank you all for being so committed to Spiritual Healing.

Anne Roughton
Chair Healing Sub-Committee

