

Projects

The Centre initiates a wide range of projects focused on promoting awareness of the spiritual needs of ageing people. Its three key areas of focus are:

- providing education for people involved in caring for the elderly
- encouraging research in the field
- advocating at policy level for recognition of spirituality as part of holistic care.

Education

A variety of conferences, workshops and seminars for members of the Church community and the health and caring professions are organised throughout the year at locations around the country.

Details of forthcoming events are publicised on the website: www.selwyncare.org.nz as they are arranged. If you would like a course to be held in your area (minimum number of participants required is twenty), please contact Dr Chris Perkins, Director of the Centre, at the address overleaf.

In addition, post-graduate courses are provided via distance learning through St Mark's National Theological College (Canberra), part of Charles Sturt University.

Research

A Spirituality and Well-being strategy group is facilitated by the Centre, comprising members of the Church, academia and other interest groups. A database of New Zealand research on spirituality has been assembled and will shortly be available on the Centre's website. Further research will inform dialogue with key national agencies and support the development of policy frameworks that recognise the importance of spirituality to individual and community well-being.

Three post-graduate research scholarships are funded by The Selwyn Foundation, with the first applications from universities in Auckland, Otago and Victoria expected in October 2010.

Advocacy

Another key objective of the Centre is advocacy, and the Centre's Director is regularly invited to speak at events organised by healthcare providers and national associations and lobby groups representing aged care. She is also quoted on matters pertaining to ageing and spirituality in leading journals published locally and overseas.

In addition, an online forum has recently been set up (hosted by The Selwyn Foundation's website), with a view to sharing information and supporting those who may be involved in advocacy work on behalf of the aged at various levels.

Further information

If you would like further details on the work of The Centre, contact:



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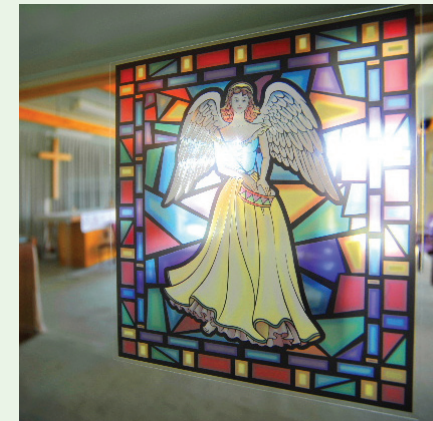
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Promoting spiritual enlightenment in aged care

The Selwyn Centre for Ageing and Spirituality is a unique concept in the aged care sector. It was established by **The Selwyn Foundation** in 2008 to address a perceived lack of spirituality, in the broadest sense of the term, in the care of older people.



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