



Shirley Klinge takes up interim chaplaincy at Tabeel Lutheran Nursing Home

At Laidley, Queensland, Shirley Klinge has come out of retirement until September, to serve as chaplain at the Tabeel Lutheran Home, on Tuesdays and Thursdays. The current chaplain, Carol Schiewe, is on open-ended leave to be with her seriously ill husband.

Before Shirley took up the Pastoral Care Nursing role in the Laidley congregation and at Faith Lutheran College, she served as Director of Nursing at *Tabeel*. Before Faith Lutheran College appointed a full-time school pastor, Shirley also served as part-time college chaplain.

She describes what her current role at *Tabeel* includes.

At present I have come out of retirement and I am working as the Interim Chaplain at Tabeel Lutheran Home Laidley. (I was the Director of Nursing there 1985-1995). The position came about when Bevan, the husband of our present chaplain, Mrs Schiewe, became ill with several brain tumours and one in his oesophagus. He had surgery on one of the tumours and the others were left. He has had radium treatment on the remaining ones and is presently undergoing chemotherapy for the oesophagus. How long Carol is away is not ours to determine; however, I am filling in for now while they find an interim chaplain. Time travels quickly! I commenced in late February and as I write this it is already mid-May.



Tabeel has 85 residential aged-care places, some of which offer accommodation for couples.

I am currently doing 14 hours a week, seven on Tuesday and seven on Thursday. Carol was working 27 hours. However, I wish to continue with my presidency activities for the Lutheran Women of Queensland West Moreton Zone. I also give an odd hour or two in a voluntary position on public holidays and Saturday afternoons. During this time, I



hold a fellowship morning on the Tuesday for half an hour in the chapel, just picking random topics. These have included fear, what folk did years ago on Easter Monday, gardens in the Bible, what folk grew in their gardens and ANZAC Day.

Thursday morning, I have commenced reading a Psalm a day in the High-Level care area just prior to breakfast. There are now six around the table. Thursday afternoons we have what we call 'Tabeel Praise', which has been going since my time as DoN. Residents pick six favourite hymns, we have a Bible reading, prayer and devotion. Pastor Noel Burton leads this when he is able, otherwise I do it. One day I had to play the organ as well as run the session. No drama! I got there!

The remainder of the time is spent visiting all residents over the two days. If I don't complete this, I do them on the Saturday afternoon in my own time.

My other responsibilities include:

- completing the Pastoral Care Life Style forms of new admissions, and putting the data onto computer;
- during the day, adding anything of significance on residents to the progress notes in the computer;
- supporting relatives and friends of residents in time of crisis;
- assisting Pastor with memorial services for deceased residents each three months;
- having prayers and devotions with some residents who are confined to bed;
- sitting and communicating with relatives;

- liaising with lifestyle staff and assisting where I can with transporting residents to activities;
- attending the Committee of Service meeting once a month.

The Laidley congregation, of which I am a member, supports the weekly Sunday service at *Tabeel* with lay readers on the first, third and fifth Sundays of each month. On the second and fourth Sundays

I am the elder rostered for organising and assisting our pastor with Holy Communion for the residents.

I am thoroughly enjoying sharing the Good News with all at *Tabeel* for the present time. I am mindful of what Jesus said (Matthew 25:30): *'I tell you the truth, whatsoever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me'*.

However, I do not want the position full time.



2018 Westberg Symposium



At this year's Westberg Symposium in Memphis, USA, in April, Marjorie Thompson delivered the keynote Granger Westberg Memorial Lecture on the role of spiritual health in the lives of individuals. In the Anne Marie Djupe Memorial Lecture, Alyson Breisch examined how competencies drive profes-

sional education and practice; and a panel of researchers presented some of their early learning and experiences in transitional care at the Helen Westberg Memorial Panel Lecture. The theme of the symposium was *Expanding Horizons for FCN Practice*.



What's happening

At **Minlaton, SA**, Glenda Butler makes regular visits to members in two small nursing homes in the town. She has invited them to talk with her whenever they feel the need, but she says that mostly this happens informally on Sundays, over a cuppa after church. Glenda was the first person to complete the Distance Education version of the LCA's introductory course.



In May **Dr Rudi Zimmer** retired as Executive Director of the Bible Society of Brazil (BSB) – a role he held for 12 years. He had served the BSB for 27 years. At the end of April he was elected president of Evangelical Lutheran Church of Brazil (IELB). The

IELB has over 243 000 baptised and 189 000 confirmed members in its 1496 congregations. In 2016 Dr Zimmer and his Bible Society staff helped organise the LPNI study tour to Brazil.



LPNI study tours

Itineraries and registration forms are now available for the 2019 study tour to Singapore, 3-9 October. The program includes a tour of the island, a night safari at the island's world-famous zoo, and a seminar at the Redeemer Lutheran church. Local pastors will be invited to the afternoon session of the seminar so they can learn about the Pastoral Care Nurse ministry.

The 2020 study tour will be to Alice Springs. Details are still being planned, but it will include a visit to the Royal Flying Doctor base, to the Lutheran Mission at Herrmannsburg, and to tourist sites such as Standley Chasm and Uluru.

For a registration form, or more information about either of these study tours, contact:

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