

# Supplement on Calling

## Our enabler gives summary

On Sunday 6th November you will be having a calling for the following team members: Pastoral care, Administrator, Priest. Here is a prayer for you to use as you reflect on whom you may call to these ministries.

God bless you all as you discern who will continue to lead and provide ministry to you at St Francis.

*Anne Moody, Enabler*

*Holy and living God, you call women and men to bring us your creative and redeeming Word. Be with us as we pray for your guidance as to whom we might call to lead us for Pastoral Care, Administrator and Priest. Equip us for our work of ministry and give us the gifts of grace we each need. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.*



Local Shared Ministry is a way of structuring ministry so that the local church is responsible for establishing its own priorities for mission and ministry. It is about being disciples of Christ rather than members of a church club.

The essence of Local Shared Ministry is about getting the congregation to think about how they live out their Christian ministry, and to change from being members to becoming disciples.

The role of the congregation is to actively live out being the Christian Church in the local community by welcoming new members; assisting in the preparation for baptisms; sharing the Christian faith; encouraging each other to be more effective in ministry amongst family, friends and community; and taking responsibility to further

your own spiritual growth.

### **How are people called?**

If you can each pray about this for the next month.

Remember that it is a confidential process.

1. Consider what the leadership role is and what the area of ministry is about.
2. Think about people's gifts/skills and consider who might be appropriate.
3. At the Calling service nominate someone without asking that person.

Trust the process and trust God.

### **Filling in the form**

Confidential process – don't ask others. You may write the names of two people beside the named ministry. You do not need to fill in all the form. Do not name any people who are already on the Ministry Support Team or who are ordained as it is a waste of a call.

### **What happens next?**

There will be a Calling service at 9.30 am on Sunday 6th November at St Francis. The result of the calling will be discussed with the Bishop. The person called to the role will be interviewed. The Bishop is notified of the result.

### **What happens after that?**

The person will be invited to take up their ministry by the Bishop. The congregation is told of the result of the Calling once the person has accepted the calling by letter. There will be a celebratory service to commission the additional member(s) of the Ministry Support Team.

### **Ministry Support Team and their roles**

The Ministry Support Team are the people you call to take responsibility for ensuring that ministry is the focus of the faith community and to assist each member to see their life as ministry. *(continued over leaf)*

## Notes on calling continued

### Tasks:

- Attend and participate in monthly Ministry Support team meetings
- Be well equipped in one's own ministry and be aware of the ministry responsibilities of others

### Skills:

- Ability to work in a team
  - Ability to search out and put into practice the skills necessary for individual ministries
- Ability to work with others both in the Team and in the faith community
- Support and encourage outreach and mission into the greater community.

This Calling is for three roles:

### 1. Pastoral Care Co-coordinator

is one who ensures the love of God is active and visible in the community of faith and in the local community. The person coordinates a network of care to minister to the needs of the community.

### Tasks:

- Build, maintain, and train a pastoral team
- Build a network of care within the faith community
- Demonstrate an active concern for those in need
- Ensure home communion, laying on of hands, and anointing are available for those who desire them
- Follow up funerals, weddings, baptisms

### Skills:

- Active listening with empathy
- Relationship building and networking
- Self-knowledge, reliability, openness
- Respect confidences
- Know when to refer people to others

### 2. Priest

is one who encourages the faith community keeps in touch with God, through gathered worship, through personal devotion and commitment.

### Tasks:

- Preside at sacramental worship
- Accompany, support and journey with people in their spiritual life
- To assist the faith community to celebrate life events and seasons and to recognise the presence of God in our midst in baptism, preaching, funerals, weddings

### Skills:

- Able to use ritual and symbol in liturgy
  - Able to preside
  - Able to relate and listen well to people
- Be courageous
- Ability to delegate
- Ascertaining creative skills of the congregation
- Ability to learn bicultural skills

### Knowledge:

- Building a knowledge of sacramental theology
- A knowledge and practice of the Christian spiritual tradition and A NZ Prayer Book
- Building a knowledge of faith development

### 3. Administrator

is one who is the coordinator of the Ministry Unit administration and works with the Council secretary.

Link with LSM Coordinator, the Enabler and the Diocese

Primary point of contact with community enquiries

Liaises with other community or ecumenical groups as appropriate

Distributes and communicates necessary information to MST members, the council and congregation

### Skills:

- Use of the computer
- Communication
- Coordination and management
- Open to the unexpected!