

Diocese of Nelson



Social Services Enabler

Job Description:

- Develop a strategic vision for Social Services and Social Justice across the Diocese in line with the overall diocesan vision.
- Promote and encourage the Social Services and Social Justice vision in the Nelson Diocese to parishes and with diocesan representatives.
- Identify, encourage and strengthen existing Social Services that are working well in the Diocese and parishes.
- Develop networks with external agencies (including but not limited to Nelson Marlborough DHB, West Coast DHB, Oranga Tamariki, Ministry of Social Development, Ministry of Justice, Housing New Zealand, New Zealand Police and non-government agencies to ascertain unmet social need.
- Avoid duplication of services.
- Maintain strong networks within and between parishes and diocesan representatives to facilitate cross parish and deanery co-operation on Social Service and Social Justice issues.
- Encourage employed staff and volunteers who carry out and co-ordinate social care at a parish level, including eldercare workers.
- Create a culture of support and sharing of resources throughout the Diocese.
- Work cooperatively with the Anglican Care Committee.
- Advocate for social justice within the framework agreed with the Bishop.
- Represent the Diocese in a professional manner as required.
- Encourage a strong trained volunteer base who are able to respond to unmet need as required and directed.

Person specification:

- Tertiary qualification in Health or Social Services and/or relevant previous experience in Social Service and/or Social Justice.
- Have a passion to fulfil the third and fourth mark of Christian mission, ie to transform unjust structures, without neglecting the other marks of mission.
- View Social Service and Social Justice from a broader non-judgemental Christian perspective.
- Be a strategic thinker who is able to cast a vision and capture people with the diocesan vision.
- Have excellent communication, facilitation and interpersonal skills.
- Have sound organisation skills.
- Be respectful of the skills and experience of others.
- Have strong relationship building skills.
- Have a strong understanding of ethical boundaries and be able to demonstrate and promote these boundaries in your work.