



Pastoral Care Council of the ACT Inc

Seeking the provision of pastoral care, at accredited standards, in various institutional and community facilities in the ACT.

The Board is the executive arm of the Pastoral Care Council of the ACT

- The Council membership represents a cross-section of the pastoral care providers (including representation from religious and spiritual organisations) and pastoral carers, together with representation from the community, as well as appropriate representation by ACT government agencies or departments.
- The scope of this network may include such areas as health, aged care, education, correctional, community, or any other aspect where there is an intentional provision of pastoral care.
- The Council acknowledges the historical contribution in the development and provision of pastoral and spiritual care by religious traditions and seeks to incorporate the pastoral care by particular religious bodies within the overall provision of pastoral care.
- The Council seeks to evolve cooperative multi-faith strategies and a respect for the varieties of spirituality in the provision of pastoral care.
- The Council will meet at least twice yearly, and appoints the Board.
- The Board is an independent body, accountable to the community through the Council to the network of pastoral carers and pastoral care providers.
- The Board will promote pastoral care as an essential element of general care.
- The Board provides oversight, coordination and a forum, with a network of organisations within the ACT, in the setting of standards and support in the provision of pastoral care.
- The Board may oversee the extension of pastoral care services where it is deemed to be needed.

Tasks of the Council:

- Establish standards for pastoral care provision
- Accreditation and registration of pastoral carers
- Develop training (including in-service training)
- Encourage pastoral care opportunities
- Ensure provision of support networks, mentoring, ongoing supervision
- Encourage conferences and retreats
- Liaison of pastoral care with other caring modalities (for example, palliative care, social work, nursing)
- Promote a community awareness of the role and value of pastoral care
- Seek financial support to maintain the provision of pastoral care
- Develop ethical and legal standards for the provision of pastoral care

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