

Dignity NZ Trust Inaugural National Conference on Assisted Dying : October 2010

Dignity Havens: A Proposal for the Future of End-of-Life Decisions



DAY 1: THURSDAY OCTOBER 14TH 2010

8.30 – 9.30

Registration and Refreshments

9.30 – 9.45

Welcome & Housekeeping / Introduction of Speakers
Lesley Martin & Helen Cheyne: Trustees, Dignity NZ Trust

9.45 – 10.00

Introduction to Conference Goals
Lesley Martin

10.00 – 11.00 (10.30 – 11.00 Q&A)

KEYNOTE SPEAKER: Dr Rob Jonquiere, Netherlands.
The Journey to Voluntary Euthanasia Legislation in the Netherlands

11.00 – 12.00 (11.30 – 12:00 Q&A)

The Interface between Palliative Care and Assisted Dying
Jan Bernheim MD PhD, Emeritus Professor
Dept of Human Ecology & End-of-Life Care Research Group
Faculty of Medicine, Vrije Universiteit Brussel, BELGIUM.

12.00 – 1.00 Lunch Break

1.00 – 2.00 (1.30 – 2.00 Q&A)

The Dignity Haven Proposal
Lesley Martin: Founder & Directing Trustee - Dignity NZ Trust

2.00 – 3.00 (2.30 – 3.00 Q&A)

To Do No Harm: A Medical Perspective on Assisted Dying
Videoed presentation by Dr John Pollock / Proxy speaker TBC

3.00 – 3.30 Refreshment Break

3.30 – 4.30 (4.00 – 4.30 Q&A)

God and Mercy: A Religious Perspective on Assisted Dying
Panel Discussion

4.30 – 4.45

2010 Research Results on Attitudes to Assisted Dying in Aotearoa New Zealand
Vincy Tam: Auckland University MA student

4.45 – 5.00

Summary / Notes for Day 2 / Information on Conference Dinner

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DAY 2 - Friday 15 October 2010

8.00 – 8.30

Welcome / Refreshments / Housekeeping / Introduction of speakers
Lesley Martin & Helen Cheyne

8.30 – 9.30 (9.00 – 9.30 Q&A)

The Caring Profession: A Nursing Perspective on Assisted Dying
Dr Andrea Corbett, Senior Tutor, School of Nursing, WITT (Taranaki)

9.30 – 10:00

International Overview: Panel Discussion by International Delegates from the
World Federation of Right to Die Societies

10.00 – 10.30 Refreshment Break (served at tables) and Q&A to Panel

10.30 – 11.30 (11.00 – 11.30 Q&A)

Coercion, Depression & Disability: Pragmatic Concerns about Assisted Dying
Associate Professor Colin Gavaghan
University of Otago, Emerging Technologies Centre
Faculty of Law

11.30 – 12.30 (12.00 – 12.30 Q&A)

Criminals vs. Non-Criminals: A Legal Perspective on Assisted Dying
Greg King, Criminal Barrister

12.30 – 1.30 Lunch Break

1.30 – 2.30 (2.00 – 2.30 Q&A)

Political Panel Discussion

2.30 – 3.00

Short Papers x 3

3.00 – 3.30 Refreshment Break

3.30 – 4.30 (4.00 – 4.30 Q&A)

Maori and End-of-Life issues: A Multi-cultural Perspective
Eru George, Maori Health Consultant, Rotorua DHB

4.30 – 5.00 Personal stories: Real people with real concerns

5.00 – 5.30

Suggestions from floor for 2011 Conference
Follow-Up
Information on film evening
Closing Thanks and Closure of Conference