



Te Pūaroha Community - Frequently Asked Questions

Te Pūaroha Community is a warm, welcoming Christian community in Island Bay, Wellington.

As we look for people to join our new Christian Community here at Our Lady's Home of Compassion in Island Bay, questions are being asked by enquirers. Here's a rundown of frequently asked questions for anyone considering joining us. We still have spaces available, so please contact us to apply or enquire.

What is an Intentional Christian Community?

An Intentional Christian Community is a group of people who choose to live together in a way that nurtures faith, connection, and a shared mission. At Redwood House, daily rhythms of prayer and hospitality help shape a home where residents support one another and live out the Gospel in simple, practical ways.

What is the accommodation like?

Redwood House has seven spacious private bedrooms, with beautifully renovated shared facilities. Residents enjoy plenty of bathroom space and a comfortable, modern kitchen and sitting room. There is also a study room and a dedicated prayer room.

Can we have visitors?

Yes—Redwood House is intentionally welcoming. Friends and whānau are welcome to visit, and the Compassion Whanau wants visitors to feel included and at ease. To keep the environment safe and comfortable for everyone, partners are not permitted to stay overnight.

How much is the rent?

Rent is \$175 per week, which includes, your room, electricity and Wi-Fi. Food is not included.

Do I have to be Catholic?

No. Redwood House welcomes people from all Christian denominations. The hope is to build a warm, ecumenical community where different Christian traditions enrich one another.

Are there expectations around volunteering?

Yes—community life includes offering hospitality and support through the Compassion whānau. Residents help with events, welcome visitors, and contribute to the life of the mission. A roster will help keep volunteering balanced and manageable for everyone, and plenty of support is provided.

Who is this community for?

Redwood House is ideal for young women who desire a shared Christian life, value prayer and service, and want to live intentionally with others in a supportive, faith-filled environment.

What are the daily or weekly community rhythms?

Rhythms will include regular times of shared or individual prayer; community nights and shared meals; opportunities to join liturgy locally.

What is the application process?

A simple process—expression of interest, application form and an interview.
Contact rebecca.taylorhunt@compassion.org.nz.

Is there a community agreement?

There is an agreement that covers prayer, hospitality, respect, service, and shared responsibilities.

Is Redwood House smoke-free and alcohol-free?

Yes.

Are pets allowed?

Unfortunately no.