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NLHBA CELEBRATES PROVINCIAL PASTORAL/SPIRITUAL CARE WEEK, OCTOBER 23 - 29.

October 6, 2005: The Newfoundland and Labrador Health Boards Association (NLHBA) are proud to support the Minister of Health and Community Services, the Honourable John Ottenheimer, in his proclamation of Provincial Pastoral/Spiritual Care Week, October 23 - 29, 2005. The theme of the week is *“Facing Life’s Challenges”*.

John Peddle, NLHBA Executive Director, explains that the Pastoral Care Allied Health Group and the Rev. Dr. Curt Clark, the NLHBA Co-ordinator of Pastoral/Spiritual Care, have planned this recognition to celebrate pastoral/spiritual caregivers. He adds, “Throughout Newfoundland and Labrador, hundreds of well-trained and gifted pastoral caregivers of all faiths minister around the clock in communities, congregations, and highly-specialized settings, including hospitals, long term care facilities, correctional services, mental health services, and scenes of major disasters. They bring spiritual healing resources in the care of thousands of people in our province. We honour these professionally trained caregivers in celebrating *Pastoral/Spiritual Care Week*, October 23 - 29, 2005.”

The Newfoundland and Labrador Health Boards Association represents the four regional integrated health authorities in the Province. All health services and community services, including child, youth and family services, community corrections and youth diversion programs, and adult services, are delivered by health authorities in Newfoundland and Labrador.

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