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UNITED CHURCH
HOSPITAL CHAPLAINCY
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Saint John, NB
Wednesday, April 11, 2012
1:30 p.m.

Halifax, NS
Friday, April 13, 2012
2:30 p.m.

Welcome

Opening

Prayer:

O God, whose will is health, and whose Son reached out to touch people, be with us as we remember and reflect on the ministry of hospital ministry.

Bless the memories of services rendered, relationships enjoyed and people who have been touched. Hear our struggles and frustrations, and grant that this service may be meaningful to us, and help us to discern new ways to serve, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, Friend and Saviour. Amen.

Hymn: VU 377 - Holy Spirit, Hear Us

Scripture: Luke 13: 10 – 21

Hymn: VU 326 - O For A Thousand Tongues To Sing

Statements: Maritime Conference
Hospital(s)
Presbytery

Presentation(s)

Hymn: VU 365 - Jesus Loves Me

Official Closing

Prayer: *(On following page)*

Hymn: VU 651 - Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

Benediction

Creator God, Holy One,
Great Spirit of Mystery and Love,
God of life and death and healing,
Of caring, loving, sharing and prayer,
Of holding hands, of hugs,
Of words spoken and silence shared,
Of moments of crisis, especially between 2 and 4
Of pain and comfort, of release and renewal.
We give thanks for these moments and for chaplains and visitors who have represented us with patients and families and staff over the years.

We give thanks for those who had a vision of pastoral care beyond our own congregations,
For those who put themselves through the struggle and strain of CPE, with a vision to be more effective in their ministry,
For those who provided support, in Chaplaincy Committees and in Support Committees,
For those of other denominations who filled in when one of our chaplains was not available,
For those clergy who phoned, asking for a visit to someone far from home,
For the nurses and staff who recognized the value of pastoral care,
And for all the loved ones who responded with words of appreciation and encouragement.

We confess that we have been caught between rising costs and merely stable funding, and have not seen our way clear to continue our financial support.
We recall the moment when it was clear that any less funding meant not a reduction but elimination of the posts in Halifax and Saint John.
We hold before you the awful moment when the Conference Chaplaincy Committee, in grief, resigned in hopelessness.
God of Covenant, where it makes sense, forgive us, and help us discover and design new ways to minister.

As we go out, may we go with respect for and appreciation of those who have served over the years; and aware of the continuing need....
Be with us in our time of celebration.
Bless the insights we have received by your grace during this mutual covenant, now ending.
We pray for wisdom, healing, and abundant new life.
May we move forward confidently
with renewed energy and vision;
in Christ we pray. Amen.