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Attn:
Superintendent and Staff
Newfoundland & Labrador Correctional Centre for Women
1 Duffitt Place
Clarenville, NL A5A 1E9

Dear Superintendent,

The recent events these past weeks of the deaths of two inmates at your facility bring us much concern.

In the Christian Scriptures we are reminded of the responsibility we have to care for the vulnerable, especially those who are imprisoned. Both jailers and jailed are upheld as dignified in the eyes of God, worthy of love, redemption, dignity and care.

In our baptismal covenant we promise to uphold the dignity of every human being.

We do not suppose to understand all the intricacies and challenges of modern correctional practice. We do, however, recognize the inherent challenges and stresses related to sudden death in communities. We recognize that there are great stressors related to trauma, mental health, sudden death and grief. These stressors are acutely present in sudden death, and often magnify with increase and frequency of traumatic death.

We presume that the administration, staff and inmates have proper systems in place to properly care for the various members of the community at the correctional institute in Clarenville. We hope that all persons have opportunity to share with objective caregivers and professionals in a safe environment.

We recognize that proper supports for grief counseling and trauma care are essential to address the specific challenges that are present within a correctional environment.

We uphold you in prayer and concern, for many of the inmates, staff and administration identify with faith communities within our region. You have a spiritual dimension that requires care and healing in the face of trauma and loss.

The Rt. Rev.'d Dr. Geoffrey Peddle,
Bishop, Diocese of Eastern NL

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