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Visiting Nurse and Community Health Hospice Care Chaplain Ordained to Unitarian Universalist Ministry

ARLINGTON, MA – May 7, 2010 – Visiting Nurse and Community Health (VNCH) Hospice Care proudly announces that its chaplain, Mary R. Tulin, has been ordained to the Unitarian Universalist ministry. Ms. Tulin's ordination took place on April 11 during a ceremony at Follen Community Church, Lexington. She undertook the ministry of hospice three years ago and has been one of two VNCH Hospice Care chaplains since the program opened in 2009.

Witnessing the ordination were many of Ms. Tulin's family, friends and colleagues. The Rev. Lucinda S. Duncan, Follen parish minister, welcomed those who attended. Follen Parish Board Chair Water Leutz led the ordination, and other dignitaries who took part included Angela Merhert, executive director, Faith at Work Community Outreach, and Congregational Consultant; The Rev. Martha Niebanck, co-minister of First Parish in Brookline; The Rev. Anita Farber-Robinson, interim parish minister, Hopedale Unitarian Parish; The Rev. Stephen Shick, senior minister, Unitarian Church of Marlborough and Hudson; The Rev. Maddie Sifantus, parish minister, Unitarian Universalist Church of Wakefield, and First Parish, Wayland affiliate community minister; and The Rev. Carl Scovel, minister emeritus, Society of King's Chapel.

About VNCH Hospice Care

Visiting Nurse and Community Health has extended its long-standing reputation for treating its patients with the highest quality home health care, to include Hospice Care. VNCH Hospice Care, the first ever to be based in Arlington, opened in 2009 and delivers compassionate, comprehensive services to patients with advanced and often life-threatening illnesses, and their families. VNCH Hospice Care's team of dedicated nurses, doctors, social workers, inter-faith chaplains, volunteers, therapists, and home health aides all work together to help patients suffering from advanced illness to maintain their dignity while receiving care that promotes comfort and support.

VNCH Hospice Care serves the following communities: Arlington, Bedford, Belmont, Billerica, Burlington, Cambridge, Carlisle, Concord, Everett, Lexington, Lincoln, Malden, Medford, Melrose, Somerville, Stoneham, Wakefield, Waltham, Watertown, Wilmington, Winchester, and Woburn.

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