To Friends of Pastoral Counseling Services,

The Hebrew Scriptures reminds us, “Arise, shine out, for your light has come, the glory of the Yahweh is rising on you, though night still covers the earth and darkness the peoples (Isaiah 60:1, JB).” We well know the light we have celebrated as we welcome Spring, and we sadly know the tragedies that happen all too frequently.

Pastoral Counseling Services is committed to nurturing the light and lessening the darkness in our world. We are grateful to be partners in the service of healing and hope with the community. We are grateful for the commitment of all people who work for the good of those who suffer. Prayers, kind words, and financial support help us fulfill our mission.

The year of 2012 was a turnaround one for PCS. PCS confronted a major crisis of finances and organizational structure in 2011. Making changes to meet the challenges though painful at the time have produced wonderful results. We now stand on solid financial footing, improved morale, and new visioning.

During 2012, psychotherapists saw just under 10,000 clinical hours. This number represents the lives of individuals, couples and families in our community and beyond who received services for healing and growth. Each person is treated with dignity and respect, and clients choosing to utilize spiritual resources feel very welcomed and safe. Also, PCS honored 6 “Good Samaritans” at our Good Samaritan Awards, all of whom give so much to people in need.

In community education and consultation, we increased our amount of services. We offered another round of Mindfulness Based Stress Reduction to the NH State Women’s Prison and Families in Transition. The latter was underwritten through a grant from the Queen City Rotary Club. PCS hired The Rev. Dr. Douglas Stephens to lead our new Training Program for psychotherapy residency and internships. Start-up funding for this program came from a grant from Riverstone Resources.

So you can see, that we are moving forward. We are partnering with religious, civic and educational institutions to further our mission. To bring the light into the darkness, it takes many people working together from many types of groups. PCS and our partnering organizations work together in this regard. We are grateful to be partners with all of you.

Grace & Peace,

Rev. Dr. David B. Reynolds,
Center Director