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NEW DIRECTOR OF NURSES CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP ANNOUNCED

Toronto, Ontario – March 27, 2007 Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship is pleased to announce the appointment of Carol Hamilton as the National Director of Nurses Christian Fellowship. Carol Hamilton, a nurse and nursing consultant brings a current perspective on the needs of nurses and a clear vision for the serving and supporting them going forward.

“Nurses Christian Fellowship is poised to be a pivotal force within the nursing profession in Canada. I am very excited about the opportunities I will have to meet with those who have contributed so much to this mission, but to see the work of NCF Canada expanded and invigorated – this is my hope!” Carol Hamilton said.

Inter-Varsity’s ministry to this country’s nurses is becoming a strategic and important one. Commenting on the importance of this ministry, Carol said, “I believe that Canadian nurses play a significant role in the health and well-being of all Canadians however, they face unique challenges. Workplace stress continues to rise as an aging workforce attempts to address staff shortages, the need for continuing updating of clinical skills and the challenges of serving a multi-ethnic population. Young people need to be encouraged to consider nursing as a career, yet the call involves rigorous academic preparation and personal sacrifice. Many nurses in Canada espouse Christian faith but find themselves ill-prepared or unsupported in offering spiritual care within the day-to-day demands of their work.”

Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship of Canada is continuing its pursuit of the transformation of youth, students and graduates into fully committed followers of Jesus Christ. It is a mission strengthened by the vision and skill of people like Carol Hamilton. Currently, Inter-Varsity is present on over 70 campuses, operates 8 Pioneer Camps in 6 provinces and is active globally through Global Partnerships and international affiliations.

In addition, Nurses Christian Fellowship is growing to include new groups in the Atlantic provinces as well as in Toronto and, specifically, at McGill University. With the addition of a new National Director, the future of Nurses Christian Fellowship is bright, bringing together many groups as a collective and developing a Canada-wide spiritual support network for the nursing community.

Geri Rodman, President of Inter-Varsity, commented on the addition of Ms. Hamilton to the Inter-Varsity team. “I am excited about the future of the Nurses Christian Fellowship. Nurses and nursing students around the country are front line workers in our society and need to be supported in their faith. It is strategic to empower them wherever possible and Carol brings a sense of compassion and encouragement to this very important ministry.”

“It is time for nurses to be supported and empowered to be the hands and feet of Christ within the healthcare system. I feel honoured to walk in the footsteps of Anne Hawes and others who have devoted years to the life and work of Nurses Christian Fellowship in Canada,” said Ms. Hamilton.

Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship of Canada is a mission arm of the church, mobilizing a diverse community of Christians through its camps, student and alumni movements to proclaim Jesus Christ as Saviour and Lord since 1929. For over 78 years, Inter-Varsity has been ministering to transform youth, students and graduates into fully committed followers of Jesus Christ. Currently, their ministry encompasses campus ministry at over 70 universities and high schools, 6 Pioneer camps across Canada, global missions and more. Every year, over 18,000 young people are impacted through their ministry. For more information about Inter-Varsity, please visit <http://www.ivcf.ca>. Inter-Varsity is a member of IFES and part of its worldwide movement.

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