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## **New Chaplain Joins St. James Mercy Hospital**

**January 18, 2012...Hornell, NY...**St. James Mercy Hospital is pleased to announce that **Patricia Bancroft** recently joined the Hospital as a Chaplain.

Ms. Bancroft received her Bachelor of Science degree from Eastern Michigan University, and her Master of Divinity degree from McCormick Theological Seminary (Chicago, IL) and Ecumenical Theological Seminary (Detroit, MI). She completed her hospital chaplain residency at the internationally renowned Cleveland Clinic Foundation Hospitals, Department of Pastoral Care (Cleveland, OH).

According to Sylvia Bryant, VP of Mission Integration and Community Outreach at St. James Mercy Hospital, "We are very pleased to welcome Chaplain Bancroft to our pastoral care team. She brings a rich background of working with diverse cultures, beliefs, and faith traditions, and will be a valuable member of our pastoral care team serving patients, residents and their families. Her talents include providing pastoral support to terminally ill patients and their families, palliative care, as well as counseling for people of all ages going through difficult situations," stated Ms. Bryant.

Chaplain Bancroft was ordained in May, 2005 and has been Pastor of The First Seventh Day Baptist Church of Alfred for the past ten years. She is a New York State certified EMT and is Chaplain for the A.E. Crandall Hook & Ladder Company/Alfred Ambulance Corps. She and her husband, Tim, reside in Wellsville, NY.

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