

Canadian Pro-Choice Organizations Mourn the Death of Dr. George Tiller June 3, 2009

We are deeply shocked and saddened by the news of the murder of Dr. George Tiller in Wichita, Kansas on May 31, 2009 in his church. Our thoughts and condolences are with all of his family, his staff and the members of his immediate community during this very difficult time.

With Dr. Tiller's murder, we have lost a doctor who was deeply committed to women's health and well-being. He was one of only a handful of doctors in North America that could provide women with an abortion during later stages of pregnancy, including women from Canada. This is an essential service for women facing very difficult and complex situations.

Dr. Tiller was committed to ensuring women's reproductive freedom. He faced regular protests and opposition to this work and his clinic, including other attempts on his life, and despite this, he remained committed to women and their reproductive health. The loss is enormous and is deeply felt by members of the pro-choice community, and the women who relied on his skills and dedication.

- Abortion Rights Coalition of Canada (national)
- Canadian Federation for Sexual Health (national)
- Canadians for Choice (national)
- Fédération du Québec pour le planning des naissances (Quebec)
- Canadian Union of Postal Workers (national)
- Pro-Choice New Brunswick (New Brunswick)
- NB Rebelles (New Brunswick)
- Société des femmes philosophes
- Elizabeth Bagshaw Women's Clinic (British Columbia)
- CUPE 1979
- Action Canada for Population and Development (national)
- BC Women's Hospital and Health Centre (British Columbia)
- Clinique gynéco-obstétrique pour adolescentes, CHU Sainte-Justine (Quebec)
- North York Women's Shelter (Toronto)
- Planned Parenthood - Newfoundland and Labrador Sexual Health Centre (Newfoundland and Labrador)
- Sexual Health Centre for Lunenburg County (Nova Scotia)
- CSSS Champlain, CLSC Saint-Hubert (Quebec)
- Catholics for Choice Canada (national)
- Fédération interprofessionnelle de la santé du Québec (Quebec)
- Sexual Health Access Alberta (Alberta)
- Halifax Sexual Health Centre (Nova Scotia)
- OPTIONS Sexual Health Association (Alberta)

- Sexuality Education Resource Centre (Manitoba)
- Women's Legal Education and Action Fund (LEAF) (National)