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NLFL President to join central NL labour activists this Labour Day

Newfoundland and Labrador Federation of Labour (NLFL) President Lana Payne will join with labour activists in central Newfoundland this Labour Day.

"I am looking forward to being part of the Central Newfoundland District Labour Council's annual Labour Day parade," said Ms. Payne. "But there is no doubt that for many working people in this region of the province, this Labour Day will be bittersweet."

"This has been an extremely difficult year for so many working people, especially those in primary industries such as forestry and fishing." Added to that is the attempt by some employers to use the recession to attack collective agreements.

"The hard-fought gains by working people and their unions did not cause this recession and attacking collective agreements will not solve this crisis," she said. Despite the challenges, Labour Day is a time to reflect and recognize the incredible difference unions and the labour movement have made to life and society across our country and right here at home.

"When we make gains at the bargaining table it results in a better standard of living for more than union members. When we raise the floor everyone benefits. When you consider the public policy priorities and political bargaining agenda of the labour movement, they are about building a better and more just world for all citizens."

Ms. Payne said the labour movement's priorities with respect to Employment Insurance and enhanced public pensions are but two examples of trying to improve our nation's social safety net for all.

"My thoughts this Labour Day will be with the workers and families hit the hardest by this crisis. But I make this commitment. As president of the Newfoundland and Labrador Federation of Labour, I will continue to fight for economic justice for working people. We will defend the right of working people to have a better life for themselves and their kids. And we will continue to expose the incredible corporate greed that has been at the root of this economic crisis."

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For your information please find attached a Labour Day Message by NLFL President Lana Payne. For more information contact: Lana Payne @ 754-1660 or 743-5343.

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