

Network of Religious Communities

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To: 2007 Riefler Fund Applicants

From: Rev. G. Stanford Bratton D.Min.

RE: Riefler Fund Application Requirements

Dear Riefler Fund applicant:

We are pleased to provide you with an application form and guidelines for applying for a 2006 Riefler Fund Grant. The Riefler Enablement Fund was established in 1988 through the generous bequest of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Riefler. In each successive year the Network has been able to provide grants to Buffalo Area congregations and ecumenical/interreligious organizations totaling between \$25,000.00 and \$45,000.00 per year. The total amount distributed each year is determined by the income from the invested principle.

In preparing for 2008 Riefler Fund Application please keep the following in mind:

1. **The deadline for receiving applications at the office of the Network of Religious Communities is 3:00 P.M. Monday August 20, 2007.** Applications received after that time and date will not be considered for grants in 2008. No exceptions will be made.
2. Applications from local congregations, groups of congregations, ecumenical and or interreligious organizations or projects sponsored by the above are encouraged. Applications from individuals and from social and community organizations without an official and direct tieto a congregation or ecumenical/interreligious organization will not be considered.
3. Please use the official form for submitting your application. You may use a computer to generate pages 2-4, but **you must use page 1. exactly as provided, for the cover page. You may attach up to two additional pages** (no more please) to answer questions and provide a budget. Failure to follow these instructions will disqualify your application. The application should be typed.
4. It is important that you **answer all questions.** Providing a budget as requested in question 17. is required in all circumstances. Identifying additional resources as requested in question 14. is very important.
5. Please pay careful attention to questions 8, 9,10 and 13 since these questions have the highest value in our scoring process.

The 2008 Riefler Fund Grants will be available beginning in January 2008. Recipients of the 2008 awards will be notified in early January 2008.

Your application will be read by persons who are actively involved in the life and work of a local congregations in the Buffalo Area. They read the proposals and score them using a scoring form developed by the Network. The committee's recommendations are forwarded to the Board of Governors of the Network of Religious Communities for approval and then to the Trustees of the Riefler Estate for a legal review.